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Golden Hawk heading to Olympics

Hockey netminder Cindy Eadie trades in her skates for a glove and a bat as she prepares for the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens, Greece this August

CAITLIN HOWLETT
Editor-in-Chief

If Cindy Eadie plays ball as well as she washes a dish, then Canada has no worries about an Olympic medal in women's softball. The Laurier Golden Hawk makes her first Olympic appearance this summer at the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens, Greece.

One of six final players named to the Olympic roster, Eadie was found in her student house in early May complaining about the rapid accumulation of dishes, but also modestly discussing her greatest athletic accomplishment to date.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," admitted Eadie, "but when I get to the opening ceremonies in my Roots clothes, it probably will," she laughed at her own use of the commercial reference.

An Economics major and

goaltender for the Golden Hawks women's hockey team, Eadie's success has sent a buzz around campus and the Kitchener-Waterloo community.

"It hasn't sunk in yet, but when I get to the opening ceremonies in my Roots clothes, I probably will."

- Cindy Eadie, Team Canada

The twenty-two year old third baseman has spent the last four months playing for the national team out of Burnaby, British Columbia at Simon Fraser University, all the while competing for one of 15 coveted spots on the Olympic roster. Nine players were named to the Olympic roster in late 2003, and

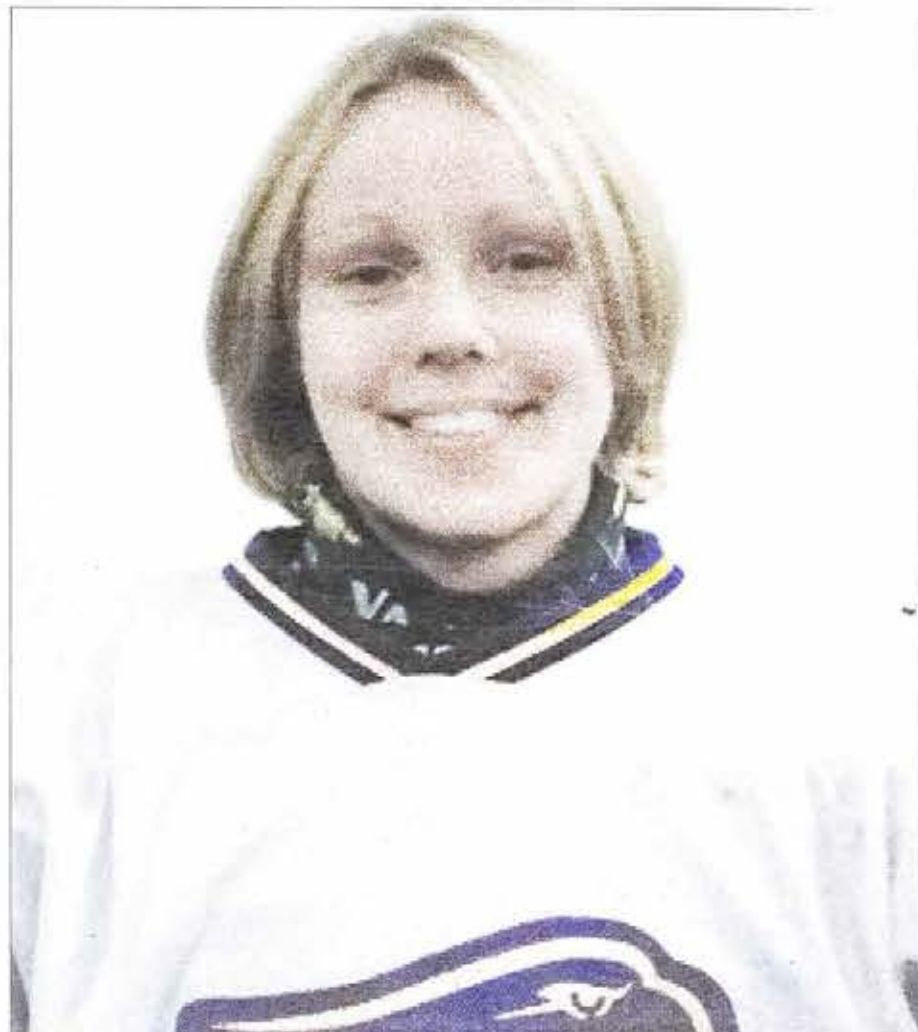
every position had a starter except third base. "I knew I had to turn it up because there was only one spot for two girls," said Eadie.

Watching the Leaf game, Eadie received the call from her Head Coach, Mike Renney and Assistant Coach, Glen Boles on May 5. Her hopes dropped slightly during the call when she received some feedback about areas in need of improvement; however, the coaches eventually said they needed her on the team.

"I had a sigh of relief and actually asked him [Renney] if he was serious," Eadie said a tad embarrassed, but later reaffirmed that "It was great."

Director of Laurier Athletics, Peter Baxter, has always been convinced of Eadie's Olympic success.

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Third baseman, Cindy Eadie, was one of the final players added to the Olympic roster for team Canada on May 5, 2004.

Campus restaurant gets a face-lift

New atmosphere expected to draw in new and old students

APRIL CUNNINGHAM
News Editor

Laurier's on-campus pub is experiencing a face lift that is costing students half a million dollars and six management staff members their summer employment.

Wilf's, a student-owned hot spot since 1980, is knee-deep in renovations this summer with a

scheduled completion date of August 9, 2004.

"From the bar to the orientation of Wilf's Den to the games area, the students in September won't recognize the room," says Mike McMahon, General Manager of the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union. "It's an unbelievable change for everybody."

Indeed, Wilf's started out as a simple coffee and cocktail lounge, with orange furniture and green carpet.

"It was the reason the Students' Union came to be," McMahon.

Is the Wilf's renovation student money put to good use? See the editorial reaction on page 8

Then in the early 1990s, with a \$5 million renovation project

to the Students' Union building, the Fred Nichols Campus Centre, it became a full fledged bar and restaurant.

McMahon hopes the renovations will make Wilf's a true home base for students that will accentuate its history and Wilf's as the centre of the Students' Union operations.

"Students will have a room that they're proud to be in and that will be able to serve their needs better," he says.

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The choice is yours

Caitlin Howlett

Editor-in-Chief

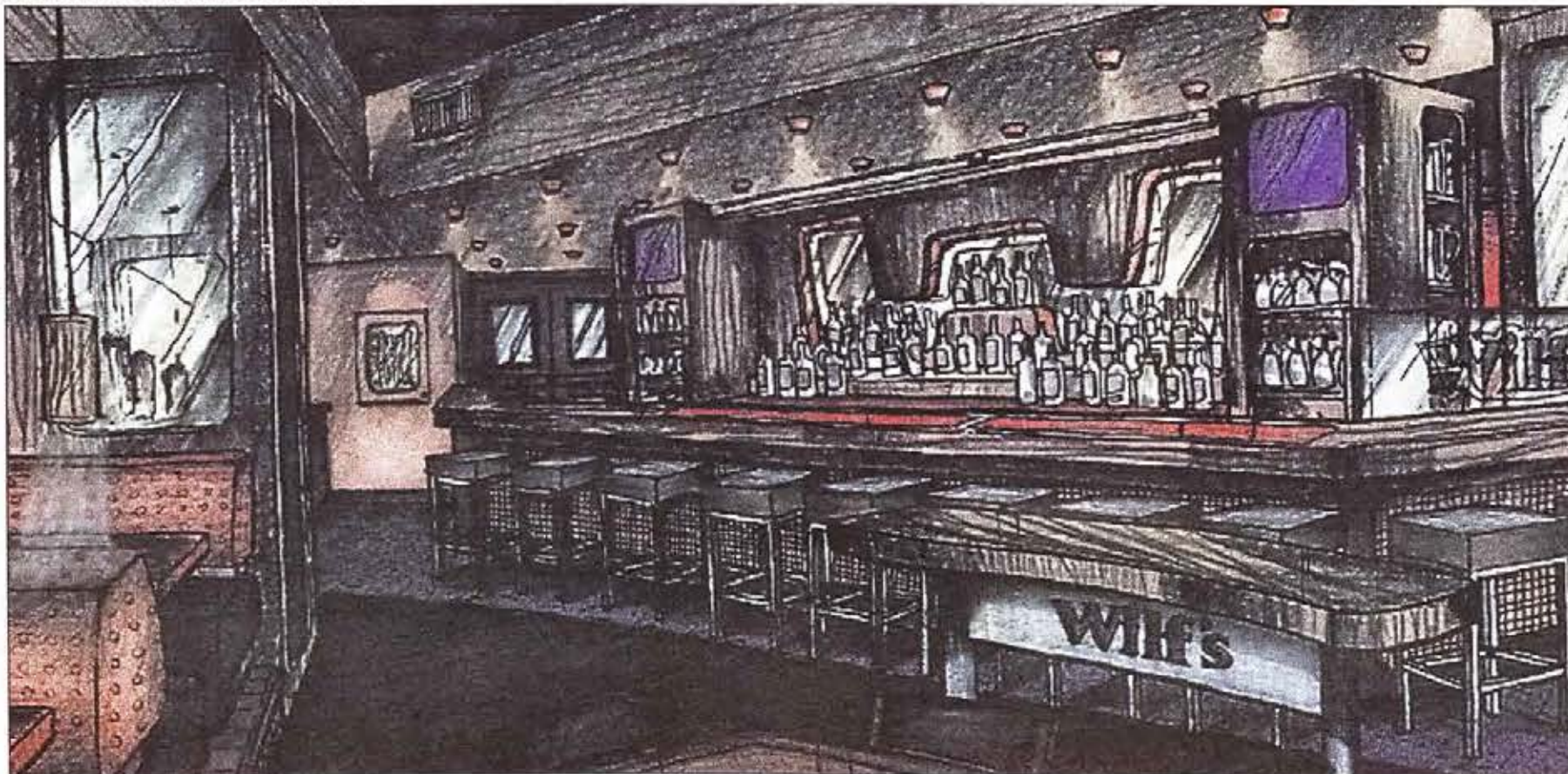


I'm what I like to call an "experienced student."

The experienced student label really has nothing to do with the number of years I've attended Laurier, but yes, I'm going on five years much to the dismay of my bank account that just climbed out of the red.

And while the "victory lap" is often a joke among my very same friends who are also taking an additional year to complete the remaining requirements of their degree, there is good reason, most of the time. However, a nasty little man by the name of Alexander Keith, who appears regularly on a weeknight can be the reason for another semester, or two, or three.

I've labeled myself an experienced student, because I honestly believe there are two kinds of students: the academic student and the experienced student. Of course there are combinations of these two categories, but after four years and watching people grow at Laurier, I've come to believe that the latter student seems to have an all around better adventure at Laurier.



WLUSU

The proposed sketch of the bar area in Wilf's is expected to change slightly, but patrons can anticipate a new look and feel.

- Please see **Choice**, page 9

Renovations aim to improve atmosphere

- Wilf's, From Cover

While WLUSU's mission is to provide for the needs of students, it depends on annual student fees to do so, and this project is no exception. The total budget for the renovations amounts to \$501,000. The WLUSU Board of Directors passed a motion this spring that would source half the budget costs from student fees. Wilf's itself will bear the other half of the cost.

But WLUSU managers are confident the undertaking will be well worth it.

"When making an investment of this magnitude, we're trying to touch as many students as we possibly can," says Steve Welker, President of the Students' Union for 2004-05.

"No matter what you do, you go to Wilf's," he says.

And although Wilf's is popular among students, its service levels and food quality have not always been up to par. WLUSU hopes to address these problems by spending \$40,000 on the kitchen area. There will be more food preparation space, cooler space, steel tables and sinks.



Caitlin Howlett

The new bar area will increase elbow space according to Steve Welker, WLUSU President, and hopes to alleviate congestion often found in and around the bar serving area.

"Students will have a room that they're proud to be in and that will be able to serve their needs better."

- Mike McMahon, General Manager of WLUSU

"There'll be a more efficient use of kitchen space which means that we can more efficiently serve the front of house space," says McMahon.

However, when Welker was campaigning early last spring, he

accounted these issues, along with high staffing costs, to management problems. When asked how spending so much on renovating will help Wilf's management, he said, "I don't know if the investment will directly improve that, but I think that it being a priority for our management team is really all that it takes."

Priority or not, four management staff members were laid-off for the duration of the renovations by WLUSU. The General Manager, Assistant Manager, Kitchen Manager, and Assistant Bar Operations

Manager have lost their employment for the summer.

"It is a difficult process to go through but one that an organization this size must face."

- Mike McMahon, General Manager of WLUSU

Although due to their contractual obligations *The Cord Weekly* was unable to receive

comment from these individuals, Steve Welker confirmed that Greg Billing, the Kitchen Manager, quit as a result of the lay-offs.

WLUSU is a non-profit organization and currently runs a surplus.

But Welker says providing for the needs of students can sometimes be costly. "At the end of the day it still is a corporation," he says. "I think we manage our people very well here."

There have been lay-offs in the finance department as well. The cashier and accounts receivable clerk temporarily lost their

jobs, and the accounts payable clerk is facing a reduction in hours.

"You hope people can focus on the positive, but if it's happening to you, it's very difficult," says McMahon. "It is a difficult process to go through but one that an organization this size must face."

He says the staff will be back on board just before the project wraps up.

Meanwhile, a handful of students who take summer classes at Laurier are missing out on using their on-campus pub.

"I wish it was open," says Daniel Singer, a third year Business Co-op student. "It's usually a lot of fun in the summer. I'd probably go out more if it was open."

Leigh Hannah, another third year Business Co-op student who is a member of the Ice Social Committee, says the committee is still searching for a place to get together before Ice Week. "We always have [the event] at Wilf's," she says. "It was a good way for everyone to meet people."

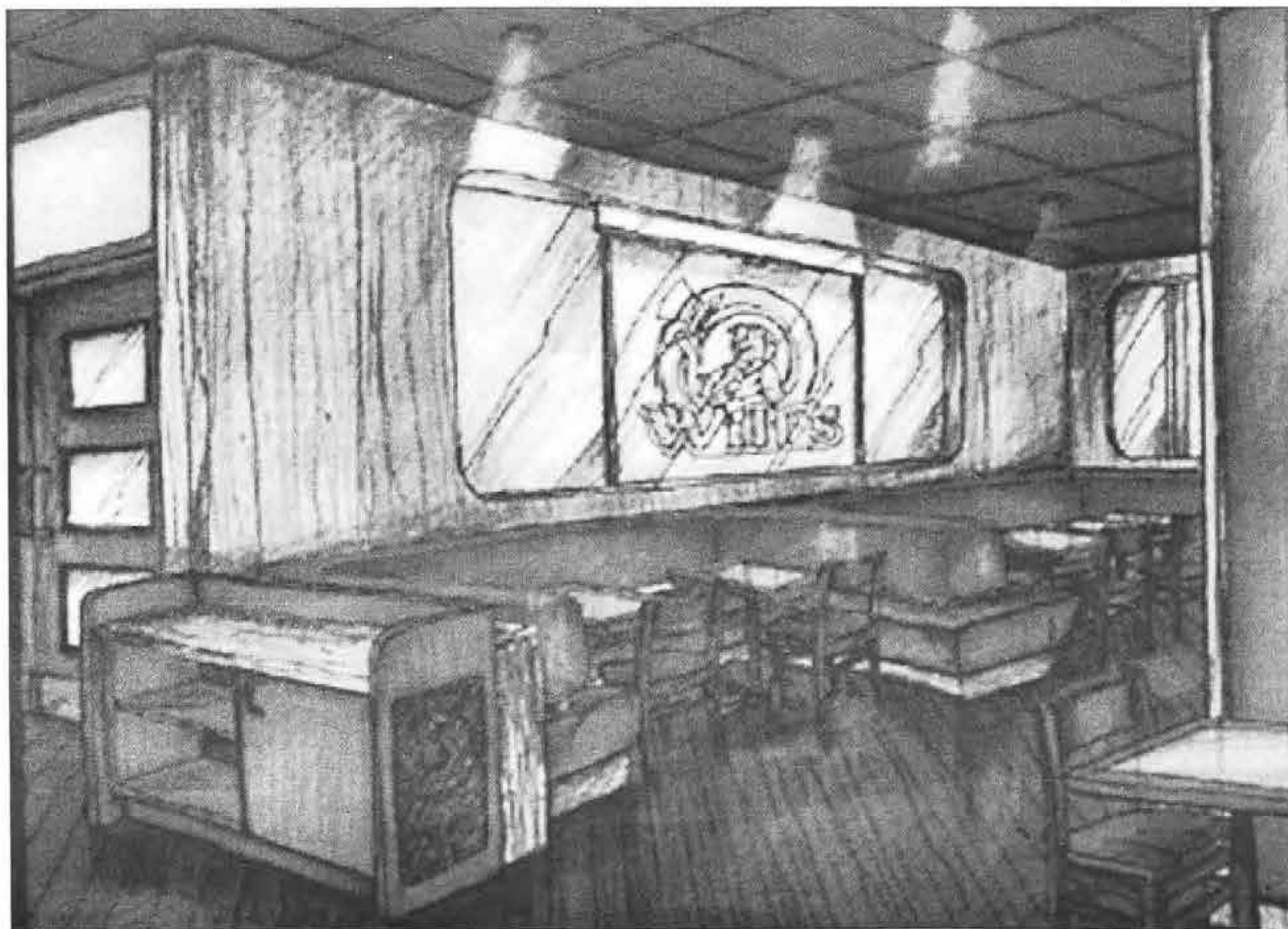
"I love Wilf's," she adds. "It was good because it was open every Wednesday."

"I can't wait for Wilf's to open," says her friend Matt Boelen, also in third year business.

"I miss it this summer, but I look forward to it re-opening in the fall," says Katherine Mrmak, fourth year Music.

However, not everyone misses Wilf's.

"I don't care if it's closed," says Shiv Bhuchan, third year Business. Bhuchan says he's probably only been there two times since coming to Laurier.



WLUSU

The sketch above, although tentative, shows the new entrance to the Den. The introduction of banquet style seating will accommodate the patrons who prefer resting their backs.

What are your thoughts on the Wilf's renovations? Email us at cord@wlusp.com or visit clublaurier.ca to discuss.

O-Week volunteer fees cut

APRIL CUNNINGHAM
News Editor

Volunteers of the WLUSU-run Orientation Week will be receiving a partial reimbursement after Director Fraser McCracken pushed for cuts to the volunteer fee structure.

The fee for Ice Breakers will be reduced from \$60 to \$40, and other General Volunteers, including participants from groups such as Peer Help Line, Shinerama, and Radio Laurier, will pay \$35, down from \$45. The difference will be reimbursed to volunteers during volunteer registration, the weekend before O-Week.

The fee was originally in place to pay for volunteers' food during the week as well as a mandatory t-shirt.

"I had a problem with us charging our volunteers to participate in something that they're volunteering for," McCracken says.

Although McCracken's motion essentially sliced past fees in half, he says he is satisfied with the results of the Management Committee's agreement.

"It's sort of a compromise on a compromise," he says. "I'm glad they were willing to work with us and find a compromise; however, I believe that we should have taken it further. We should have made more substantial cuts."

When McCracken made his original motion at a WLUSU Board of Directors meeting on April 14, a heated discussion broke out among directors, members of the Management Committee and the gallery.

A written statement was presented by Kris Laanemets, a volunteer from the Emergency Response Team outlining his difficulty paying the fee in the past due to his family's low income and the death of his father.

"The fees are staggeringly high and highly inappropriate," he said in his statement.

A few individuals mentioned



WLUSU

These O-week Ice Breakers and Frosh jump for joy because volunteer fees have been cut.

that the Ice Breaker fees had already been collected at that time, and that not one complaint had been made.

But a student in the gallery, Sherry McIver noted that these students had not been asked for their opinion on the fees. "There is no avenue for someone to express their concern. I can empathize that would be very intimidating," she said.

Director Kevin Spahich emphasized the importance of valuing the volunteers. "We're really lucky, and we may not be that lucky in the future," he said. "These people are willing to forego their wages [for the time period]."

But Spahich, as a director, wasn't sure the proposed fee structure was logical.

"At first I thought, this is something that we could set direction for future unions to see what they could do," he says. "I thought it was not likely [to get fee cuts] if they were that aggressive."

"It ties the hands of future boards," he says. Spahich believes that if a big cut is made now, students will want further cuts in the future.

But that was precisely McCracken's motive. "I was hoping to put in place a long

term plan to, over time, eliminate them." McCracken's proposed structure did not pass but instead was forwarded to the Management Committee to research and further propose a fee cut from 20 to 50 percent.

Steve Welker, President of WLUSU, and John Crowell, Vice-President: Finance, came up with a more conservative reduction which the board passed without much discussion.

The implemented structure sees volunteers pay solely for their meals during O-Week. Costs of the mandatory t-shirt and meals during training beforehand will be absorbed by WLUSU.

A new opt-out program is also available for volunteers. The program was set in place to ensure accessibility. Students submit an application along with their summer earnings and projected expenses to be reviewed by the Management Committee.

However, both the fee cut and the opt-out program have not been communicated to this year's volunteers.

"I don't know why it hasn't been communicated yet," says McCracken, adding that he has already requested a press release be placed on the WLUSU website.

"What's important is that we're creating this system and that people have that opportunity," says Welker.

McCracken still has an itch regarding the fees, and doesn't want the issue to die off.

- Please see **Volunteer**, page 4

STARR system functions, there is concern about how the STARR hiring system acknowledges past experiences of the volunteer applicant. WLUSU volunteer of the year, Nadine Fladd, felt that her extensive experience should have been taken into account when she was being interviewed. When asked about her feelings about the STARR system Fladd said, "I don't think STARR measures relevant qualities; it merely measures how well you answer STARR questions."

But WLUSU's Vice President: Human Resources, Mark Walhout, believes that if interview questions are answered completely, there is room to touch on past experiences.

"There's provision to apply their past experience, and then

qualms:

BOD Director David Alexander recently brought forward a motion that would have the Vice President of Human Resources investigate how well the STARR system actually works. The investigation will compare volunteer performance to the scores that the volunteer achieved on the STARR marking system. Alexander noted that "the Human Resources department has no way of checking if STARR works."

In addition to knowing if the

WLUSU interview system leaked

FRASER KING
News Editor

The system that Laurier's Students' Union uses to hire volunteers and employees, known as STARR, has been leaked to the public while being examined by the WLUSU Board of Directors.

STARR is an acronym for Situation, Task, Action, Result, and Relate.

The STARR report, associated anger, and director

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there are a certain amount of marks allocated to how they answer the question," he says. "If the experience is relevant, and if people answer the question thoroughly, it does have a sufficient amount of measure to account for past experience."

Of the STARR system Director Tudor Costache said, "It doesn't seem to work very well, and things that don't work deserve to be changed."

"I think it's always nice to re-evaluate your system, especially something as important as your hiring practices."

- Steve Welker, President of WLUSU

In a similar vein, fellow Director Fraser McCracken said, "After five years [of using the STARR system], I think it is a necessity to look back and see if

we are moving in the right direction."

Walhout ensures that the Union is seeking out as many options as it can. "It's a good time to look at what we do and see if we can do it better," he says.

WLUSU President Steve Welker does not think the investigation will stimulate much change to the current system.

"I don't necessarily think it is time for a change, I think it's always nice to re-evaluate your system, especially something as important as your hiring practices," he says.

"It's just going to re-enforce our belief that we have something to be very proud of."

The leak:

On April 7, an anonymous person revealed on Director Costache's political web log the exact scoring scheme that the STARR system uses. The people that are told the scoring system are sworn to secrecy.

- Please see **Leak**, page 4.

Students learn to JUMP

Youth experience university life waking up early for lectures and staying up late in residence

MATTHEW CARPENTER
Cord Intern

Ever walk around campus and see what appears to be really small students? You're not getting bigger; the students are just getting smaller. Take one step back because the JUMP program has landed at Laurier.

The Junior University Multidisciplinary Program provides 1900 youth with a chance to experience University life. The program contains interactive courses taught by Laurier professors, senior students and graduate students and displays what Laurier offers from biology to business.

This year marks the ten year anniversary for JUMP, founded in 1994 by the Conference

Office in conjunction with the Waterloo District School Board, with just six participating schools. Today, the program includes 62 different classes at 44 different schools across Ontario.

When asked about JUMP's success Junior Vice-President Co-ordinator Kate Hamilton said, "...I think a lot of it is from word of mouth. A lot of teachers tell other teachers, and students tell other students."

Elementary students from grades five to eight will enjoy all the fun of university, for \$160 a head, from May 5 to June 19. Participants of the JUMP program will live in Willison Hall residence. From swimming at the AC and dancing at the Turret,

to playing pool at the Hawk's Nest, all aspects of university life are open to them.

The students will attend mandatory classes in athletics, biology, chemistry and theatre. The mini-campus-goers select three elective courses from archaeology, business, fine arts, music or psychology.

The program includes a university-life and careers-choice seminar, illustrating what students should expect from and the importance of, post-secondary education.

They will participate in final evaluations and a graduation luncheon, and receive a diploma from JUMP.

JUMP encourages youth to pursue a post-secondary education, as well as give them a taste of the future that's available to them while offering a fun summer trip.

Last year, Laurier introduced a two-day mini-JUMP in order to reach even more schools, giving



Matthew Carpenter

Students participating in the JUMP program enjoy an interactive portion of a lecture.

ing them the opportunity to partake in the experience. The shorter version includes the academic and student life aspects of the program.

When asked what message she wanted to convey to students most Kate Hamilton said, "The most important thing about post-secondary is that it is a once-in-

a-lifetime experience to grow, meet new people and learn, and so many other things." JUMP tries to deliver this message.

Laurier students interested in helping out with JUMP can contact the Conference Office for more information.

Election platforms make the grade

DAVID ALEXANDER
Blueprint Editor-in-Chief

The Canadian Federation of Students released a report card that evaluates the parties' proposals for post-secondary education. The report card considered plans for federal funding, student aid, tuition fees and research grants.

The NDP platform was given an A by the CFS because it includes \$5.7 billion in new funding to post-secondary education.

The NDP will "reduce tuition fees (by 10%) and institute a national system of needs-based grants in order to make public post-secondary education affordable for average Canadians."

The Conservative Party platform received an F. According to CFS Chairperson Ian Boyko, "regressive loan schemes and increased student debt left us no choice but to fail them."

The Conservatives will not increase funding to post-secondary education, but have allocated \$300 million over three years to student funding. It is unclear how this money would be spent.

The Liberals received a C due to their monetary support for university research, but almost failed due to their record in government, which has resulted in "tuition fees at a 60-year high, \$25,000 student debt, and a patchwork system of student financial assistance."

The Liberals recently increased the student loan ceiling and introduced \$3,000 grants for low-income first year students.

During the CBC's Great Canadian Job Interview, Paul Martin suggested that he would create a transfer payment for post-secondary education that would eventually reach seven or eight billion dollars.

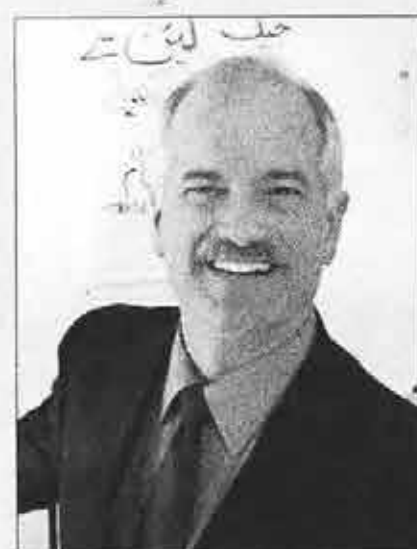
The CFS has pledged that if Martin puts this promise in writing they will raise the Liberal grade to a B.

In addition to the measures outlined above, the Conservatives and Liberals would increase loan limits and broaden the eligible expenses of Canada Student Loans.

The proposal of a national day-care program by the Liberals and New Democrats would benefit students who have children. The NDP plans to subsidize affordable housing and eliminate taxes on incomes under \$15,000 a year which would also benefit students.

The Canadian Association of Student Associations also intends to evaluate the education plans of the parties.

According to CASA, it is important for students to vote because there is little benefit involved for politicians who represent the interests of non-voters. If all young people voted, politicians would better represent the values of 18 to 24 year-olds because "their jobs would be on the line if they didn't."



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Candidates: Paul Martin, Stephen Harper, Jack Layton & Gilles Duceppe.

STARR investigation

- **Leak**, From page 3

When asked about the leak, Costache, whose political platform stresses openness, stated that, "the leak is not a big deal, people should know how they are going to be evaluated. As the system is now, it doesn't make sense to me."

Fladd, who feels very strongly about the ineffectiveness of STARR, noted, "I think it should be made public, but I think the bigger issue is that there should be another portion of the hiring process, one that takes experience into account."

McCracken said, "I feel that it is unfortunate that someone pledged to secrecy revealed it," preferring to wait until after the STARR investigation was complete to decide whether the system should be made public or

not.

Walhout says the reason for confidentiality behind STARR's marking system is so people put forth their best effort for every aspect of the interview, and not just focus on the questions where the most marks are allocated.

The shirt:

In a show of protest over the STARR system, Costache wore a shirt with the words "Fuck STARR" written on it to the April 29 BOD meeting. Costache believes that the system needs immediate reform.

Early in the meeting the Vice President of University Affairs, Anthony Piscitelli, started a motion to force Costache to change out of his shirt. While Costache consented and changed into a WLUSU BOD shirt that was provided for him, he noted:

"I felt violated, to be made to take my clothes off in the Board Room." He continued, "Especially since they made up such a [senseless] reason as decorum."

With files from April Cunningham

Fees cut

- **Volunteer**, From page 3

"I hope it becomes an election issue [next year]. I hope it is brought up at the open forum... and I certainly hope we can get some more concrete commitment from the candidates."

Spahich is pleased the Board has kicked off their term with a tangible improvement for students. "I'm just glad we're doing something," he says.

News Bites

Security Services obtain defibrillator

After receiving a substantial contribution from Wilfrid Laurier University's Student Union, Security Services will be carrying a defibrillator in their vehicles.

The Union also provided training for security staff so that the equipment will be able to be used safely to its full potential.

Funding came directly from the annually collected Student Life levy. The Life Saving program which conducted research before receiving the equipment hopes to purchase two more defibrillators in the future.

Defibrillators are small devices that can analyze heart activity and deliver an electric shock to the victim.

Waterloo teen murdered


Gabriel Covaciu, a 19-year-old male, was murdered on Tollgate Boulevard in Waterloo on June 8, 2004. The Waterloo native was transported to the Grand River Hospital shortly after 7pm where he quickly passed away.

An autopsy revealed Covaciu died due to blunt force trauma to the head.

Two men have been arrested in the homicide so far. Satvinder Singh Bird, 18, of Kitchener, faces charges of Accessory After the Fact to Murder, and Dangerous Operation of a Motor Vehicle. Steven Braune turned himself in to Homicide detectives on June 11.

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New honours programs at Brantford

Criminology sparks interest among incoming students: Operational Leadership marked as the only program of its kind in Canada

CAITLIN HOWLETT
Editor-in-Chief

Two new honours programs will be available in the Fall of 2004 at the Brantford Campus.

Criminology introduces students to the study and science of crime, while Organizational Leadership will provide students with analytical and communication skills.

Criminology has seen a keen interest and may be the result of interest from popular television shows such as Crime Scene Investigation

"Developing new programs that are going to be attractive to

students," was part of the reason behind the Criminology and Organizational Leadership selection explained Holly Cox, Recruitment and Public Relations Coordinator at the Brantford Campus. It was also an opportunity to develop new curriculum, something that fits with the Brantford mandate, as well as provide courses that are both different and unique.

Information regarding the response to the programs is limited because both Criminology and Organizational Leadership were approved in December 2003, which is considered very late in the recruiting season. Most of the high school recruiting is completed by mid November and thus little promotion was done for either program.

However, Criminology in particular has seen a keen interest without the tools to promote it.

Cox attributes some of this interest to the many forensic shows on television like Crime Scene Investigation, a popular series that details the intricacies of solving a criminal case. Organizational Leadership on the other hand, has suffered from loss of promotion according to Cox, but she remains confident that the programs will flourish.

There are 23 courses in the Criminology program including Introduction to Criminology, as well as Youth Justice, Multiple Murder, Women, Law and Crime, Theories of Crime and Victimology. Honours students in the program are anticipated to find careers in such fields as policing, probation and corrections, and continued studies in Criminology, sociology and law to name just a few.

The Organizational Program is unique not only to Brantford, but Canada too, as it is the only program of its kind offered in the nation. The program will touch on some of the traditional aspects of business and economy but will also expand study to a more humanitarian side of business including non-profit.

"There is a huge market for



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Brantford students who take the Criminology program could end up like this guy, inspecting a crime scene for important evidence.

people who want a kind of business program based more on the liberal arts and who don't have the financial background of traditional programs," Cox said justifying the reasoning behind the broader program structure.

"There is a huge market for people who want a kind of business program based more on the liberal arts..."

- Holly Cox, Recruitment & Public Relations Coordinator, Brantford

Historical profiles of leadership, forms of Economic Organization and Human Aspects of Organizations are just

some of the 26 courses offered under the Organizational Leadership program.

Currently, admission to both programs requires six Grade 12 U or M courses and 12 U English with 70%. Enrolled students must fulfill the 20 credits as well as complete the requirements of the Contemporary Studies major. A minor may also be pursued in either program.

A student population target of 500 for September, Brantford expects a large portion of that number to include students in the two new programs. Cox anticipates that they will have to cap enrolment in Criminology, and in a few years they will have to do the same with Organizational Leadership.



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Students in the Operational Leadership program will one day be able to take control of a business meeting such as the one above.

The missing link between Brantford and Waterloo campuses

The Campus Commissioner encourages you to get involved

SARA NEZIOL
Brantford Campus Commissioner

My name is Sara Neziol and I am the Campus Commissioner at Laurier Brantford- the fastest growing and one of the most exciting parts of Wilfrid Laurier University. Laurier Brantford offers a unique opportunity for personal, academic and professional development within a

experience the best it can be.

My role within the union is to facilitate your relationship with WLUSU Brantford. If you are interested in starting a club, becoming or volunteer or simply wanting to know what is available to you, I am here to help. The other members of the WLUSU Brantford executive team, Grayson Sherritt and Ruth Cooper, are also working hard to ensure that you have the best university experience possible. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns or suggestions!

I strongly encourage you to become involved with WLUSU Brantford. Whether it is as a Foot Patrol Volunteer, BACCHUS member, or as a member of our Hockey Team, the opportunities here are endless. I look forward to working with all of you this year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns, my door is always open.

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Prehistoric theme to O-week 2004

The Orientation Committee explains this year's theme and what you frosh can expect

ORIENTATION TEAM 2004
WLUSU

Congratulations and welcome to the Laurier family. You may not know it yet, but you have just made one of the greatest decisions of your life by enrolling in Wilfrid Laurier University. You're probably nervous, scared and extremely anxious for September to arrive...and who can blame you? Rest assured that this unfamiliar place will soon become your home away from home. You will

You may discover that you belong to the speedy and clever GREEN Pterodactyls.

be making tons of friends, achieving new heights, and accomplishing goals that you never imagined possible. It all begins here, on the first day you step onto campus...something that we like to call Orientation Week (O-Week). O-Week you

say? Such a simple title for the most unforgettable six days of your life. This year's theme will unite the powerful forces of the prehistoric world, as Laurier presents Orientation Week 2004 "Back From Extinction...where it all begins."

Throughout the summer, a group of 17 crazy Orientation Committee members are working tirelessly to provide you with the best O-Week ever. Upon arrival, you will join one of the four colour teams consisting of students from all faculties and residences. You may discover that you're part of the quick and fierce RED Raptors, gigantic and powerful BLUE Mammoths, speedy and clever GREEN Pterodactyls, or agile and ferocious GOLD Sabertooths. No matter which team you are destined to, all four colours will unite as Laurier Golden Hawks, the best team one could ask for.

Although it may sound like a cliché, O-Week will provide you with memories that will last a



WLUSU

The Orientation Week Team is preparing for the "Back From Extinction... where it all begins."

lifetime, and set you on the right track to experience all that Laurier has to offer. Laurier's O-Week is one of the best in Canada. Wait, who are we kidding? It's the best in the world. Providing all first year students

with action packed events from morning till night, academic sessions, information about social events, school life, and much, much more. So get excited... get excited now. Of course, you will not go through this experience without some direct guidance. Enter Ice Breakers - your friends and guides for the entire week.

They'll teach you the ins and outs of Laurier and answer all of the questions you may have. Everything is ready, and it is now left up to you to bring your unique personalities, talents, and energy into action and enjoy Orientation Week 2004 "Back from Extinction", because this is where it truly "all begins."



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Students (above) shine cars to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis in hopes of one day finding a cure. The Shinerama Team (below) takes a break from planning and poses for the camera.



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Shinerama: what it is and how students help

Celebrating 40 years of fighting CF

SHINERAMA TEAM 2004-2005
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Shinerama works closely with the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CCFF) and is proud to have broken national records while providing funds to the CCFF and generating community awareness about this devastating disease. Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic disease that targets the digestive and respiratory systems of those inflicted with the disease, making it nearly impossible to breathe and digest proper nutrients. It is our hope that with campaigns like Shinerama, one day a cure will be found.

Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic disease that targets the digestive and respiratory systems.

This year we are proudly celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Shinerama campaign. Shinerama was started at Wilfrid Laurier in 1964 and since then has been adopted by colleges and universities throughout

Canada. Through the summer and Orientation Week, we strive to raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis research. The campaign ranges from golf tournaments and barbecues, to the national Shine Day. This year students will be taking to the streets of the Kitchener-Waterloo community on September 11th to raise awareness and funds for Cystic Fibrosis research.

We encourage you to be creative on Shine Day and to also stay safe while out in the community. Last year, approximately \$100,000 was raised in this single day of shining, and we're confident that more will be raised this year. In the past, first-year students have baked cookies, cheered, sang songs, washed store windows, run car washes and have even gone so far as to sit in shopping carts for the entire day. The possibilities are endless and we encourage you to be creative.

The Shinerama Team would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all of you and wish you well during the week and throughout your first year at Laurier. Thank you also to all of the volunteers who spend countless hours preparing for the Shinerama campaign. In celebration of the 40th Anniversary we are excited to show you why no one does Shinerama like Laurier.

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A necessary renovation?

Wilf's \$500,000 changes will give the restaurant a new look and feel, but has enough attention been devoted to issues beyond the aesthetics

The classic line from Cheers says it all, "You want to go where everybody knows your name." And for Laurier, that place is Wilf's. With current seating ringing in at 240, Wilf's is large enough to house a number of groups on any given night but is small enough that chances are you'll know at least one person in the bar.

As times change however, so do the common staples of our lives. It seems nothing is safe from being "new" and "improved" these days, and Wilf's is no exception with the current renovations being put into place over the summer.

Everyone will agree that Wilf's has its fair share of problems like many smaller restaurants do including long waits for food and space issues for popular pub nights throughout the week; the question is, will the upcoming renovations put an end to unpleasant experiences? Not likely.

A total of a half a million dollars, half of which is essentially students money garnered through student fees paid alongside tuition, is being put towards this project and only 7% of that to the "back of house" operations - an area where many complaints from students originate.

Ask any student around campus if they have ever had to wait a long length of time before getting a simple order placed at the restaurant and the answer more often than not will be yes.

Getting food at Wilf's can be a rather long adventure and this is due in part to the size of the kitchen and the availability of space and equipment required to accommodate busy lunch and dinner rushes. If service times make up the majority of complaints made by students then perhaps more attention should be paid to it and not a mere \$40,000 of attention, especially since it is student money going into the project.

Wilf's also has the luxury of being the only restaurant on campus and

they can easily capitalize on this and do. But being the only restaurant on campus also means you have a responsibility to the students. An equal responsibility.

With the renovations though, not every student will have an equal opportunity. In order to cut down on space, the Union and the restaurant, have proposed to cut out the disabled stalls within both the men and women's washrooms. Instead, there will be one unisex washroom for disabled persons to use.

This decision was based on need and space according to WLUSU President, Steve Welker, as it was determined the need for separate facilities was simply not there.

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"Branding" however, throughout the restaurant, including an initial idea to have a 'W' shaped mirror placed at the back of the bar which has now been deferred due to costs, is apparently needed. Forget those students unable to use the regular facilities at the restaurant. If they need to, they can wait in line for the one washroom they'll be allotted, but definitely get that frosted glass with "Wilf's" written on it.

It seems rather unfair to pay thousands of dollars for what Mike McMahon, WLUSU's General Manager, referred to as the "Wilf's brand" and not keep the washroom space for those who are disabled to be like any other patron and use the facilities with their own gender.

With extra seating for only two more people when the renovations are complete, one has to wonder why the space that a few bathroom stalls would regularly be placed is being taken away.

All in all, it's true that everyone

needs a little change. It would be unfair if students didn't acknowledge the need for trying new things but the bottom line remains, will this new Wilf's really be worth the half a million dollars that is going into it?

The majority of the changes will be made for the aesthetic value, not necessarily the students need to get their food at a quicker pace or to be seated more efficiently. The Students' Union could be using this money in many different ways. How many bursaries could they give out to people who can't afford a deregulated business program with that amount of money? A half million dollars worth, that's how much.

WLUSU also deemed it necessary to layoff several employees for a duration of the summer. A portion of the Wilf's management team was amongst those laid off. In the Open Forum during the February WLUSU election, Welker attributed the lack of overall success for both Wilf's and the Turret to mismanagement. While there may not be a restaurant to operate during its renovation, there is certainly a time to be reevaluating and redesigning the way Wilf's is managed. Will the returning portion of the management team including the General Manager, Manager and a replacement for the Kitchen Manager, have enough time to do this? It has been inferred that with aesthetic enhancements, the overall operation will improve. Patrons will have to judge for themselves when the doors open.

Wilf's and the Union have decided that the appearance and atmosphere will truly benefit the restaurant in the long term. If more business and accommodating that same business is what they want, Wilf's and the Union should be paying more attention to the behind the scene operations in order to please students rather than just looking pretty.

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It's okay to be selfish

Opinion Editor, Bryn Boyce, says as a student, you're only as good as the flies buzzing around your head

Bryn Boyce

Opinion Editor



While you read this (presuming you didn't chuck the paper immediately), I'm probably squatting over a campfire cooking a can of beans that I've impaled on a stick. I've decided treeplanting is the way to go for summer employment.

I think I'll drive myself crazy thinking about how many 8.5 cent trees I'll have to birth into this world in order to make any kind of scratch but at least I chose it.

My father told me the day I left for university (and a few more times subsequently) that my four years would be the most self-indulgent years of my life. He was right too, I've never had this much freedom and this little responsibility. Ever. And I probably won't ever have it again.

The fact that I consciously chose to flail at insects hell-bent on planting their dark seeds in my inner ear is scary... and the fact that I consider it an "indulgence" makes me think about seeking professional counselling. But really, treeplanting for me is just another example of how much mobility and how little responsibility I have as a student. And I fully intend to bask

in this for at least another two years.

They say there's always at least a shred of truth in every stereotype. For students, a reckless disregard for their own health (Easy MacN Cheese), a crack-fiendish appetite for government handouts and bursaries, and an overwhelming lack of any semblance of responsibility.

What's so great about moving on? I don't have to "try it" before I "knock it."

I can pick up and leave at almost any moment, go live like a dirty beatnik in the underbrush for a couple months, wander out two or three months later scratching my lice and then resume my studies. All of those studies in an area that interests me, taking class that I chose willingly (compulsory is a very dirty word in my program). The scenery changes, the work is risk-free and the gender ratio is tipped so fabulously in my favour.

What has really got me agitated these last few years are the number of students I meet that, despite these big ups, hate being a student. So many people loathe classes, essays and exams and

want nothing more than to put their four years behind them to "get on with it."

I've never really understood why people think this way. What's so great about working or moving on? I don't have to "try it" before I "knock it." Forty years of work and responsibility is likely going to wear on me.

I remember seeing a Toyota ad in the school that advertised some POS car with the line, "Because you can't be a student forever." Now, I'm not one to let a challenge slip idly by. I think that for me, right now there is nothing more worthwhile than forgoing the inevitable.

What's so appealing about 3.2 children, a white picket fence and a "steady job?" Screw that. I'd rather goldfish over children, a slumlord's dilapidated chicken wire fence snaking through the unkempt lawn and a job that balances both conspicuous alcohol consumption and studying equally (ideally).

By now you must think I'm a pretty self-indulgent and self-centred guy, I just spent 500 words talking about me. You're right. And you'll be a self-centred student too. But it's about the only time you'll be able to do it with out the Children's Aid Society beating down your door or your boss tearing a strip off you.

All you really have to do right now is have fun, find a program you enjoy. From now on, it's you, you, you.

Experience everything you can

Choice, From cover

Academic students don't necessarily get perfect grade point averages or study day and night, five weeks in advance for a final. Academic students simply learn what is placed in front of them, they heed the advice of the professor and rarely do the stray from the norm.

Experienced students not only strive to be successful in the academic side, but they take a healthy interest in the opportunities outside of the classroom. I'm not talking simply about volunteering on campus, but branching out and finding jobs or positions that interest them in and outside of Laurier. They're also usually the student taking an additional year to complete a few classes still required to graduate because their involvement has taken up so much time (enter yours truly). Four years seems like a millennium when you're staring first year in the eye, but trust a student who knows that each year flies by more quickly than the last and you'll be asking for more time, all the time.

The number of rewards for being an experienced student are exponential. Someone who considers them self this type of student can admit that in my first year I was headed down the academic route. But I didn't even have stellar grades. I simply went to class. And I was incredibly unhappy.

In my second year I started to move beyond the walls of the DAWB. I started writing for *The Cord*. I assisted the Arthritis Society each week producing newsletters. In third year I found a job on campus and my fourth year I even had my own country music show on RadioLaurier, all the while continuing with *The Cord*, and a part-time job. The irony was that it took the year with the most experience and the most involvement to achieve the best academic results I've had in

university. Strange.

So, from my experience I can say that the more you put on your plate in comparison to your studies is directly correlated to success in all areas, including academia. While the experienced student still has to maintain and recognize the necessity of balance, there remains an insatiable hunger to keep finding new avenues of experience.

So what does the experienced student gain? Communication, networking, brainstorming, and problem solving are just a few of the benefits when a student breaks free of the traditional academic mold. A student who has failed to experience the opportunities of university and beyond is the same student that will still tell you they don't work well in groups and would prefer to work independently. A student who simply learns what is put in front of them will never have the chance to use skills acquired in volunteer or employment positions, and in social interaction.

Whether you choose to volunteer or work on campus, in the KW community or simply engage in social outings with friends, these are going to be the experiences that teach you more than any textbook or lecture.

The Opinion pages and Student Leader page of this newspaper are littered with advice from a wide range of members of the Laurier community including a professor, presidents of Laurier organizations, a disgruntled Laurier grad and students who can't help but each year tell you how to beat the lineups at Tim Horton's.

There is no advice coming from this Editor-in-Chief, because you'll be inundated with so much I figured I'd give you a break. The only thing you have to do now is decide what you're going to be and how you're going to get there. The choice is yours. Welcome to Laurier.

Open letter to parents

What is being lost with the 'profitable career' focus

Don Morgenson

Professor Emeritus



We who are toiling in post-secondary education desperately need parents' help. Our responsibilities as professors continue to be as they traditionally have been: enthusiastically developing well-crafted lectures, showing real concern for the lives of our students and preparing careful, critical evaluations of students' effort. But you parents are not without some responsibility. Your daughters/sons tell me that what is important to you is a "careeristic" orientation to their educations. Students often confide that they might prefer a broader, more general approach, a wider selection of courses, etc., but they have to deal with "pressures from my Mom and Dad to take courses which may lead directly to a profitable career."

From what they say, parents often have a narrow, utilitarian focus on market-related concerns; such a focus pervades provincial and federal government education policies, as well. So your sons and daughters scramble to get jobs which they think require training not education.

Students often ask me about the utility of a course in comparative religion, the fine arts, history of music, philosophy, etc. And if the dominant goal of education is vocational, such courses may well be outside their educational objectives. But you and I both know an education must be more than a constellation of career-oriented courses because we have learned that life is infinitely more than what one practices. Our children must earn a good living but more importantly, we must also earn a good life... and a genuinely liberal education is still the most useful grounding for any career.

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If our hope is to identify the central questions of life and know how to respond thoughtfully to the many challenges these questions present; if we hope to identify the best in literature, art, and music; if we hope to become active members of the human family with a sense of perspective that comes from a

knowledge of the struggles of the many who preceded us; if we want to avoid that insensitivity allowing us to treat each other as objects, then we must become friends of Socrates, Michelangelo, the Brontes, Virginia Woolf, Beethoven and Hannah Arendt.

The art, music and writings of these people cannot give your sons and daughters instant recipes for the "good life," but at least your children won't have to re-discover gravity or reinvent language. And they can discover the common bonds to all of those noble souls who preceded us in their walk across eternity. In the liberal arts, we find help for forging ethical codes, for refining our sensitivity to, and passion for social justice. The study of the most creative thought in human experience will help your sons and daughters develop qualities of mind and character that lead to a greatly enhanced life. Association with the great minds and spirits of the present and the past, can free your sons and daughters as they search for new ideas that point to greater and greater possibilities.

Of course, education can be complete in itself with a vocational goal, but it can be a preparation for something more difficult and more noble than they have yet experienced... and that takes place before 9 a.m.

- Please see **Parents**, page 11

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Go far far far away

From Alicante, Spain, Production Manager Brandon Currie explains why the exchange program might just be the best thing Laurier has to offer

Brandon Currie

Production Manager



ALICANTE, SPAIN-

I have never been one to champion student involvement, peddle school spirit or extol the virtues of extra-curricular activities. In fact, one could say that I have been decidedly anti-Laurier over the past three years.

I have never attended a football game. I have never volunteered under the auspices of the Students' Union. The mediocrity of my professors annoys me. Our campus is the most unattractive I have ever seen. I resent the 'money first, students later' attitude of the school administration.

However, somehow I have grown to love this school, though not for its 'tight-knit community atmosphere' or 'spirit of volunteerism.'

Though there is much I dislike about Laurier, there is one thing I really love.

Though there is much I dislike about Laurier, there is one thing I really love. I think 'studying' abroad for a semester has given me a chance to reflect on this, which brings me to my point.

Laurier's international community. For a school of our size and location, we have a disproportionately good standing amongst the big Canadian universities in this regard.

While our reputation as a self-centred business school is partially deserved, it discredits an internationally-minded minority of faculty and students that has been dedicated to bucking the trend, with some amazing results.

We host one of the world's most prestigious international academic think-tanks, the Academic Council of the United Nations (ACUNS), headquartered across the street from the Science Building. Though we lost a few of our brightest professors to it, the organization is a major drawing-card for the international intelligentsia.

Formerly situated at Yale University and Dartmouth College, ACUNS relocated to Waterloo last year, and to Canada, for the first time in its history. Not bad for a university of barely ten-thousand students.

Coupled with the Laurier Centre for Global Relations, Governance and Policy and the Centre for International Governance Innovation, Waterloo's list of top-notch international institutions is impressive, and will hopefully employ Laurier graduates in future years.

Laurier continues to attract big-name international guest-speakers. World-renowned columnist Gwynne Dyer, ex-Peacekeeper and Rwandan activist Romeo Dallaire and Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham within the last year to name a few. We have Paul Heinbecker. How many other political science students can say that their professor was a full-time UN ambassador just one year ago?

I think it's amazing that only last year I was reading about Heinbecker's plan to avert an imminent war in Iraq with a unique Canadian solution in the UN, and this year he is working for Laurier. A former WLU grad himself, he will be looked upon in the future to lend his name recognition and expertise to future international projects.

Our exchange programs. Having been through this process myself and talking to other students from around the

world, I can say with some credibility that Laurier International (LINT) is a top-notch exchange organization. Open to virtually all types of degrees and with exchanges to all parts of the world, a LINT exchange should be considered by any internationally-curious students.

Our campus newspaper which you are currently reading is the only student paper in Ontario to have an separate international section. The fact that there is enough international material and interest to sustain such a section is a testament to student involvement in international affairs.

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The Global Studies program. While still in its infancy, it is unique and has the potential to be great, especially in the internationally-rich Laurier environment. The faculty has been steadily improving, and is an eclectic mix of nationalities and teaching styles. If you're looking for an interesting elective that won't weigh you down academically, a global studies course is always an interesting adventure in globalization.

And of course, it would be a great injustice to write a column about Laurier's international community without mentioning the scores of dedicated students that organize, propagandize, and revitalize our university with their tireless work of bringing world events to people's consciousness. Thanks to their efforts, Laurier students may soon lose their apathetic reputation.

Canada has always played a role in international affairs much larger than its size or influence would indicate, and Laurier is doing exactly the same. Hesitantly, I have to agree that in this regard it truly is 'One of Canada's Best.'

Sleep easy

Success is in the art of proper slumber

Chris Clemens

Last year's Entertainment



It was the end of my first year at Wilfrid Laurier, way back in the golden days of '02. As an unconscious body lay sprawled haphazardly across a tiny standard-issue residence bed, my mind was busily frolicking across sunny green fields. Stress had vanished and even though I was suddenly surrounded by garishly tinted sheep and giant cotton candy flowers, I wasn't too worried. Much like life, dreams are weird and sometimes you just have to go with it. I grabbed a sticky handful of cotton candy and started eating. Hey, it was free food.

My carefree demeanor was suddenly shattered, mid-mouthful, when a lime green sheep gave me a doleful look and said "Holy #\$\$% Dude, you're gonna be late for your exam!" "Shut up, you stupid sheep," I shouted angrily through the mass of pink sugar. "Why are you always reminding me about school? And what's with the profanity?"

Suddenly the world shifted and blurred. I was chewing ravenously on my sugar-free pillowcase and the offending sheep had somehow morphed into my friend from down the hall. Feeling groggy and annoyed by the surprise discovery that my supposed buddy was, in fact, a demonic green were-sheep, I glanced at the clock. Sweet Jesus! I had somehow fallen asleep in the middle of the afternoon and was minutes away from missing my CS 100 final. Snatching a fistful of pencils and (accidentally) breadsticks, I ran for the Athletic Complex.

While this experience may seem like it should be Coming Soon to a Theatre Near You in the form of another nostalgically lame comedy about campus life, my story contains a surprising amount of truth.

Before coming to university I thought that sleep was just a mandatory period of unconsciousness designed to divide days. Within days of arrival at WLU, I realized that sleep is a commodity, just like money or sex points.

You see, university is deviously designed to turn routine on its head. Just as you achieve freedom from the monotony of living at home, you're assaulted by potential responsibilities like so many ninja stars: lectures, tutorials, volunteer positions, activist groups, weekly drinking benders... the list goes on and on. If you think that you can party, boost your resume and maintain that shiny A average all at once, you're in for a horrible surprise unless you happen to be a super-genius. And I somehow doubt that you are, if you're coming to Laurier.

You'll learn to make concessions, like maybe skipping morning lectures.

So you learn to make concessions. Maybe you'll choose to skip morning lectures. Maybe you'll hibernate in your room for weeks with course readings as your only friend. But, in my experience, the first thing to go is generally sleep. Say goodbye to that healthy eight hours per night, and get ready to live a sickly life of sleep deprivation. You'll be woken up by idiots screaming outside your window at three am. You'll be woken up by your roommate hitting the snooze button on their alarm clock twenty times. Midterm crunch time will roll around and, inexplicably, the world around you will actively try to lull you into forbidden slumber despite the fact that you have 15 chapters left to read before morning. Sleep will be your greatest prize and the ultimate curse.

Napping between classes quickly becomes second nature and the experience of finishing an essay while birds chirp and the morning sun pours over the horizon has an almost ethereal quality to it. Creative solutions are possible but occasionally deadly: during exams, a friend of mine hopped himself up on Ritalin in an attempt to fight sleep and ended up pacing the hallways as a zombie for 36 straight hours.

In all honesty, if you come at the university experience from a conservative, "safe" angle, then you probably won't ever have to worry. But for those who tempt the gods and throw themselves into life with reckless abandon, consider this your advance warning. Learn to not sleep.

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Affording to learn

Meighan Doherty

Guest
Columnist



I have had my fair share of interesting summer jobs, working on the line at one of Windsor's great car factories (rhymes with Dhyler) earning a very decent wage in return for selling my soul to the company and performing strange feats including cleaning washrooms ("excuse me, that drawing on the wall is demeaning... oh, you don't care."), and running away from the mammoth size rats.

So why do I do this? Well, every year around July or August, Laurier sends me (and you) a piece of mail. And this piece of mail will literally suck the savings out of your bank account (trust me, you will get it, Laurier will find you, no matter how hard you try to hide). It's called tuition; it's the T-word that plagues students, parents, and politicians alike. Student lobby groups love to toss the word around, students carry buttons on their backpacks demanding lower T-word costs and parents generally knock off a few years of their lives worrying about how the T-word will affect their funds.

Tuition serves many functions as a necessary evil; it allows you to pay for things which may not affect you or your university career, it's a political juggernaut (especially during the last provincial election, when the

Ontario Liberal's promised to freeze tuition), and quite frankly, in my opinion, serves to weed out or eliminate those who cannot afford a university education.

But please do not let my cynical disposition speak alone. According to the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (www.ousa.on.ca), since 1993, undergraduate tuition has risen from \$2,076 to \$4,923 (let's keep in mind that all three major political parties; the NDP, the Conservatives and the Liberals have held office during this time period). During this time, the cost of living has increased, books, other fees and transportation costs have also increased substantially. It's clear, the cost of attending a post-secondary institution (specifically, attending university) has increased, and therefore, I cannot help but conclude that there are people who choose not to attend university because the cost is too great.

Other countries take care of their students; Australia gives you money to live, eat, attend school and you don't pay tuition until you graduate.

Oh sure, we have OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program), a government run interest free loan program for Ontario students. But the maximum allowable amount you can

get is \$9,350 (while the cost of living away from home is above \$14,000 per year). In fact, with your maximum OSAP "gift" combined with the maximum allowable earnings working during the summer and part time during the year, you'll be over \$1,000 short of the cost of living away from home.

So what happens to those who can only attend school by living away from home? I'm not sure, we don't really see them, do we?

Other countries take care of their students. Australia gives you money to live, eat, attend school and you do not pay tuition until you graduate, and even then it's at a reduced rate. Germany and Sweden do not charge students T-word fees. In other words, these countries have come up with comprehensive systems which aim to help citizens become students, who in turn, become contributing tax-paying citizens.

I'm not advocating a tuition-free Canada, I am however, advocating for a system, which is more student friendly in terms of student loans and tuition fees.

I wonder who will not be in my classes this year, not because they did not have the marks to move on, but because they did not have the finances to justify the cost. Pity, I thought higher learning was above this or could reconcile these problems. Perhaps not.

- Parents, From page 9

and after 5 p.m.

The specific advice I can give you to pass on to your own sons and daughters, so they may become "high-involvement university students," seeking challenges, who love learning, who are reflective and take responsibility for themselves and their communities and see themselves as participants in larger social contexts of history and broad cultural trends is as follows:

Study courses in which they are required to write, write and write some more. The involved student chooses courses in which papers are required. Yes, writing papers involves more work, but the better students know it systematically improves their grades.

Take time to meet faculty members. The more involved (and hence more successful) students make an effort to meet and get to know one faculty member each semester. It means that at the end of a four-year degree, the better students know eight professors and those eight professors know these students - know them well enough to write letters of reference, give them advice on graduate programs, etc. Too often results of student polls report that undergraduates can rarely name one professor who inspired them.

Study another language. The best students tell me that language courses are the "best kept secret on campus... hard work but pure pleasure." Why? The study of language is thought to combine all the elements contributing to greater intellectual engagement.

Get involved in non-academic activities. Often your sons and

daughters will say to you as they leave for university: "Class work is my priority and taking on any extracurricular activities might hurt that." My experience suggests the opposite: What goes on outside the classroom is essential and may even turn out to be more important than formal class experiences. Experiences outside of class have a profound effect on the courses our students choose and may even help students with career choices. Students who get involved in volunteer activities are not only better students, but in my experience are more committed students.

Perhaps most important is encouraging your sons and daughters to take an eclectic mix of courses. I have found the more mediocre student will say to his/her parents: "My strategy is to get all the requirements out of the way first." Those students who achieve academic excellence treat their early university years like shopping excursions, taking art, music and philosophy courses, and they report ultimately being more engaged and happier with their major area of concentration.

Together, parents and professors can envision a university experience, which promotes the exchange of ideas and an appreciation of our common humanity. It can usher in moments of enlightenment, which can be intoxicating for students. Of course, it can inspire vocations, but it can arouse devotion to public service as well.

We can, parents and committed faculty members, help students reclaim that revelation of wonders taking the form of a mature engagement of minds. I am convinced - together we can do

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Wilf's 25th Anniversary

A lighter look at the darker side of WLU

More advice from a recent alumni whose Laurier experience was less than spectacular

Mike Borrelli

McMaster
Grad Student



Let's get this clear, I'm not a WLU student. Nope, not anymore. Starting a few days ago I started calling myself a McMaster student, and damn it feels good! Kids, I spent four years here. I got my degree. I've put in my time. I think I've earned the right to say I attend a real university now. And while it would be fun to bash everything at this school that pissed me off, that would obscure the fact that for every bad thing at WLU, there are 100 great things. So in lieu of such a diatribe, I offer you my Top 10 WLU Pieces of

Advice, as learned from experience.

First and foremost: Do not get involved with the Students' Union! Yes, it is true, I myself was involved in various forms with that wonderful corporation WLUSU during my time here, and it is because of this less than positive experience that I beg and plead with readers to avoid it at all costs.

In fact, do not participate in any student activities. Listen up. You came here for one reason: to learn, and to get a piece of paper proving to future employers that you learned. Nothing more. Stay out of clubs, athletics, and residence life, as none of these activities provide any benefits to you.

Stay away from the student-

run watering holes. The only thing it is good for is meeting smart, beautiful, scantily clad, and intoxicated people. I never figured out why people went there.

Do not date Laurier students. They will inevitably be an arts-degree grad, or business grad that were never good enough to get into Queen's. Go across the street to U of W and meet an engineer or mathematician.

Hang out in the Concourse for endless hours. It's the best place in the school to meet people who are trying to avoid studying.

Hang out in the Concourse for endless hours. It's the best place in the school to meet people also trying to avoid studying.

Avoid communists that will

try to brainwash you. Counseling Services offers tons of advice on how to avoid depression, or unwanted pregnancies, but they offer no information on how to resist the sexy allure of communism at Laurier. Communist fiends at Laurier organize under many different names: LSPiRG, Amnesty, LSETA, EnviroClub, the list goes on. Fight the Reds by joining the Conservatives, a KW area hate-group, or start an Ayn Rand reading guild.

Write for Student Publications. Believe me, they really suck, so chances are if 1,000 of you volunteer, at least they'll have one or two decent writers.

Close your mind. University is not a place to explore new and interesting ideas; it's a place to reinforce the older, staler, and therefore better ideas.

These are not the best years of your lives. Without fail your Mom, Dad, or older relative will offer you the "Enjoy yourself, these are the best years of your life" speech. Don't submit to their pressure. If you want these years to suck, they will, and no one can force you to enjoy them. Screw them.

Do not, under any circumstances, listen to anything that a WLU grad offers as advice. Ask

someone from U of T or McGill for advice instead. They are your intellectual superiors.

Best of luck, and make the most of your time at Laurier. Sincerely, Michael Borrelli, Honours Sociology and Psychology, '04

Editor's note: Mike Borrelli is a former WLUSU BOD Director who resigned December 3, 2003. His resignation came about as a result of dissatisfaction with the WLUSU BOD and he felt he needed to remove himself in order to create real change.

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Tricks of the campus trade

How to get your Tim Horton's coffee and enjoy it too

Chris Collie

Guest
Columnist



Just like a ton of things out there, Laurier will take some getting used to after arrival. Time for the dust to settle if you will, but nothing you can't handle my little freshman pals, I just know from experience.

The unique vibe and character of this institution will throw a culture shock your way, and you'll be so distracted by what's distracting you, that catching up to what's happening is a slow process.

Now in the hopes of shortening this transition time at WLU, I've compiled some tailored insight towards the intricacies of campus life that would take months for you to cue-into on your own. Observations that will save you precious time, and allow for you to concentrate on the important things during your fall term; like getting kerspanked. So here we go...

If you don't drink coffee, just wait, because you'll become more addicted than you could ever fathom.

Firstly, if you now don't drink coffee, you will soon become more addicted than you could ever fathom. How else could you ever stay cognizant during class without the sweet caffeine lusciously provided by a coffee brew? However, if you end-up like the rest of us on campus and become a dedicated Tim Horton's junkie, learning to avoid the giant lines you'll find there is a precise science. But

really, it's easy...all you need to remember is this: first year, all classes start at four to five key times. Thus, before going to class, you always hit the Timmy's line 16 - 17 minutes before class begins, but absolutely no later, and you're set. You can totally forget going just 15 minutes earlier, because every dude thinks of this, so the line gets huge quick. Those extra one to two minutes make all the difference.

After you're done, please taunt the 30 plus people remaining with your large double-double. Note: if you just can't make it by 16 minutes before, simply go to class, head back out 5 minutes in, and the line will have vapourized. However this is rude to the prof, so please use sparingly unless they are a huge jerk.

But now to go with your coffee, every student needs a paper to peruse, which WLU has scattered all over campus for the excellent price of free. Deal here is, if it's between Monday and Wednesday and *The Cord* racks are picked dry, most students will grab a *Toronto Star*. Since these papers take a more left-center swing politically, you'll find them all over campus as they don't piss anybody off.

However, if you're more associated with the right wing (or end up becoming so during Professor Docherty's Introduction to Political Science class) you'll want the *National Post*, which is hidden in the dark and 'economically viable' regions of the Peter's Building. See how this makes sense? The biz kids love their conservatism, and this paper is choked-full. Now this becomes a little tricky because if you're not in business or economics, you might literally never venture into their build-

ings. I doubt even a majority of Arts students could direct you there. But locating *The Post* is easy, just head to the Tim Horton's in the Peter's Building (the really ugly grey one on University Avenue), look directly to your left, walk into the little lounge room you see, and you'll find the hidden rack - please snake one.

... don't be scared when October rolls around and you realize you have 3000 pages to read in 3 weeks...

Okay wow, so much more to mention, time to rapid fire off the essentials to you brave voyageurs: keggars always get broken up before 11pm the first weeks of school - guaranteed - unless nobody is there. And no, you can't get your money back.

The Turret has the most ridiculously gigantic lines in the history of mankind's establishments, so don't be surprised

when you end-up standing in it. But since it has expensive drinks (at least I think so) and plays the Dance Mix 95 CD, the key is to hit that line at about 11:45, after the first wave, but before the second one. Just because people go AWOL and line-up at 8pm, doesn't mean you have to... unless you enjoy spending 80 bones at the bar. Also, good luck trying to get breakfast anywhere on campus before 11am on Saturdays, unless you hit Harvey's and subdue the hurl. However, the Pita Shack apparently never closes, so go there for any other meal.

Last things: don't buy your books anywhere near the first week of classes unless you like standing in huge lines while deathly hung-over. Don't be scared when October rolls around and you realize you have 3000 pages to read in 3 weeks; don't sketch-out when you suddenly grasp how little you used your brain before intro to Philosophy; and lastly, if it burns down there, the campus Doctor is here to help you.

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Security tactics enhance poverty

A new report by Reality of Aid 2004 concludes that developed nations are using aid to fulfill their security goals

KRIS COTE
International Editor

In the polarized 'us versus them' post-9/11 world, foreign aid is beginning to be diverted from its intended goal of poverty reduction towards combating the 'war on terror,' a report titled *The Reality of Aid 2004* has concluded. Made up of various aid and developmental agencies, *The Reality of Aid* report warns that the interests of aid recipients are being overlooked by the security of donor nations.

The intent of foreign aid is to assist needy countries; it is not to enhance the security of donor nations. Security should be distinct, and separately funded, the report argues. Numerous instances where donor nations are now placing security restrictions on aid recipients are highlighted throughout the report.

Denmark, the most generous country who annually gives 0.96% of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in aid, now places participation in the 'war on terror' as a prerequisite for aid recipients. The report is also critical of Australia, who has placed security above poverty reduction in its aid rationale. Latin American countries are struggling to deal with their loss of U.S. aid, which has been diverted to pay for security in the Middle-East.

Canada is not exempt from criticism in the report. The foreign aid budget, which stands at 0.28% of the GDP, is being eroded by Canadian efforts in Afghanistan. The Government has also mandated a new foreign



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These children will fail to receive desperately need aid because of the security concerns of donor-nations

"Half of the world's population live in poverty on less than \$2 (US) a day."

- *Reality of Aid 2004 report*

The report, launched in Ottawa, concludes that "aid should be treated as money held in trust for people in poverty, and should not be diverted to fund security efforts or the 'war on terror.'"

policy which would "enhance our counterterrorism capacity-building efforts in developing states."

The Canadian government has not stated how it will pay for this new policy, as funding could come from either foreign aid or defence budgets. Gerry Barr, President of the Canadian Council for International Co-operation, believes that "the

aid budget must focus on ending poverty, not combating terrorism."

Concluding that this trend in foreign aid will have serious implications for future security, the President of Reality of Aid, Antonio Tujan, warned developed nations "who, despite having wealth and power at their disposal, opt for narrow national interest rather

than poverty elimination and the promotion of human rights of ordinary people." Terrorists, Tujan believes, are a result of poverty.

The report also notes that nearly half of the world's population live in poverty, on less than \$2 (US) a day, and that nearly half of the daily 50,000 deaths are the result of preventable diseases.

Truth exposed: privatization fails Russia

Few Russians have benefitted from the new capitalist economy, while a small minority have become ultra-rich

KRIS COTE
International Editor

The inner workings of Russia's transformed capitalist economy were clearly evident in May with the opening of the first Ferrari Maserati car dealership in the impoverished country. Although the cars cost in excess of \$250,000 (US), nearly fifty were sold the first day that the dealership was open.

Moscow is home to 33 billionaires, which according to *Forbes* magazine, is the highest concentration of the ultra-rich living in one city. Yet, Moscow is also home to more than 200,000 homeless Russians. With a total population of 145 million, only 36 people control more than a quarter of the entire country's wealth, while nearly a quarter of all Russians live on less than \$2 (U.S.) a day.

The Russian life expectancy has declined by three years.

Present statistics reveal the shocking effects that the transformation to capitalism has had on Russia. During communist

rule, only two percent of Russians lived in poverty. This figure had ballooned to 23.8% by 1998. The standard of living has fallen along with social spending, and life expectancy in Russia has declined by three years during a period in which the global life expectancy grew.

While the Russian economy has finally begun to rebound, its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is still only two-thirds of what it was in 1989. In fact, of all the former Soviet states, only Poland, Hungary, Slovenia and Slovakia have a GDP equal to or greater than what they had in 1989. The GDP of Ukraine is still only a third of what it was in 1989.

Experts agree that Russia's hardships are a direct result of the manner in which Capitalism was introduced to Russia, through a sort of 'shock therapy.' The International Monetary Fund (IMF) pursued a reckless policy of rapid privatization, with no regard for economic restraints or social security policies. Those who had acquired some wealth from the corrupt Communist system were then able to attain large sums of money from the corrupt privatization scheme of the IMF.

State assets, like Russian oil wells, were sold to private individuals at fire-sale prices. Recognizing the political instability of Russia, and fearing re-nationalization by future governments, the business class then stripped what assets it could, and moved their money out of the country. While business men received government loans, funded by the IMF, infrastructure did not grow, rather it shrank. Productivity, already low compared to western standards, plummeted and resulted in economic decline for all but a few.

The IMF pursued a reckless policy of privatization with no regard for social security.

While the IMF pushed Russia to privatize its economy as quick as possible, it failed to ensure proper regulations moderated this process. Nearly half of the money loaned to Russia by the IMF, \$10 billion in total, is believed to have been stolen. In another example, the wife of Moscow's mayor, Elena Baturina, acquired her fortune through construction contracts which her husband awarded her company.

Privatization and its negative effect on the economy has also resulted in the breakdown of the Russian family. The Russian

middle-class has disappeared as a result of the hyper-inflation which followed the IMF policies, and the per capita income of \$4,730 (US) is often unable to support a family with only one child. Alcoholism has reached endemic proportions, and a new class of 'social orphans' has been created.

Social orphans are children whose parents are not necessarily dead, but are unable to provide for their basic needs. Approximately 700,000 'social orphans' exist today, with that number increasing by 20,000 each year. In comparison, WWII, killed 24 million Russians, but only created 600,000 orphans. These children live on the streets, beg, use drugs and alcohol, and often turn to a life of crime. Nearly a third of all children under 19 are involved in organized crime, while another 14% take their own lives each year.

While the Russian situation needs to be addressed by the IMF, it also provides a valuable example as to what can happen in Iraq. To date, the US occupation government has enacted a massive privatization campaign similar to what was enacted in Russia. The Iraqi program has failed to restore basic services such as running water and electricity to pre-war levels. It is doubtful that large infusions of cash and IMF 'guidelines' will bring democracy and stability to Iraq. Russia has demonstrated this.

Warning: U.S. tv may cause revolution

KRIS COTE
International Editor

Despite the poverty of many Cubans, they have achieved something that many North Americans do not have: full access television.

Alicia Espinosa, a Cuban homemaker, was ecstatic when she realized that she received 127 U.S. television channels, instead of the four Cuban ones she was used to. "I watch all the shows I want," she exclaimed to reporters.

Cubans have an unlikely person to thank for the television access, U.S. President George W. Bush. In the past few months, Bush has proclaimed numerous threats against Cuba and its revolutionary leader, Fidel Castro.

Bush has launched a program called C-130 "Commando Solo," involving a \$70 million dollar spy plane and an airborne platform of U.S. troops. The troops fly missions into Cuba, broadcasting television and radio signals throughout the island.

U.S. forces have established a "dedicated airborne platform for full-time transmission of Radio and TV Marti into Cuba," military officials have admitted. The purpose of the missions are to propagate anti-Castro messages to the Cuban people, in hopes that this will spark a revolution.

American leaders have taken a special interest in Cuba ever since its socialist revolution in 1958.

The revolution forced American sugar interests out of

International Quote of the Week: "Because of the only elected communist in Chile, Allende, and the socialist reforms he put in, Pinochet was forced, I would say, to mount a coup...socialism can often lead to unintended repercussions to society"

-remarks made by Conservative Premier Ralph Klein in the Alberta legislature in regards to public auto insurance

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Should the U.S. handover power in Iraq?

Will the handover of power enhance Iraq, or will it be used by the White House to boost popularity?

Iraq needs freedom

Marrel Jno Baptiste

Staff Writer



Since the successful toppling of Saddam's regime, the United States has encountered numerous set backs. The high rates of civilian and soldier casualties, the prisoner abuse scandal, and continued criticism from leading nations about the measures adopted by the US before and throughout the Iraqi war continue to plague American efforts.

It is therefore safe to assume that the June 30 deadline for the handover of power to the interim Iraqi government is not only a step in the right direction for the Bush Administration, but will furthermore allow the UN to contribute to the rebuilding of Iraq, a measure which should have been included since the beginning.

One of the aims of the invasion of Iraq was to ensure that the Iraqi people would have freedom to exercise their political and human rights. The unanimous vote to end the formal occupation in Iraq, taken by the United Nations Security Council on June 8, allows the objective of Iraq as a sovereign nation to become more visible. The Iraqi people deserve the right to, and are also the best candidates, to design the framework that will take them closer to becoming a free and democratic nation. This

framework will lead them into the upcoming elections, approximately six months from now, and will generate plans to boost their economy and foster peace within Iraq and throughout the Middle East.

The handover of power in Iraq will also bring about a change in the role of the U.S. military, transforming it from combat operations to protecting the security of the interim government and Iraq's economic structures, while also training and enhancing Iraq's security forces.

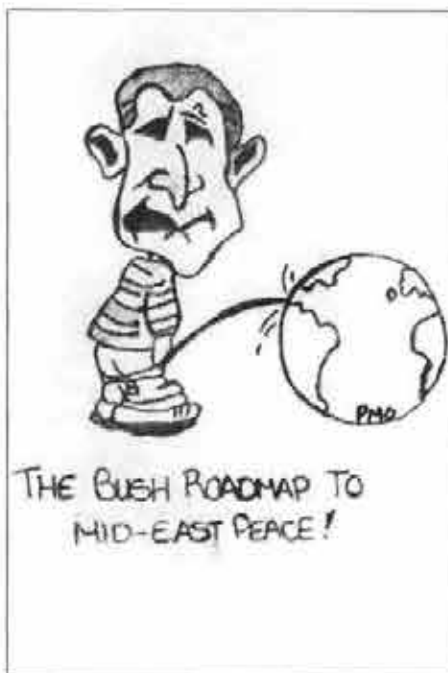
The Iraqi people will now fully possess the opportunity to practice and enjoy the benefits of democracy.

These measures will enhance Iraqi sovereignty. The importance of this shift in power is that the Iraqi military and police will be under the supervision of Iraqis, not US commanders. Any decisions taken on by the US military during this period will be done with the full partnership and cooperation of the Iraqi leaders. Therefore, the Iraqi people will now be responsible for their own fate.

In all cases the handover of power is a win-win situation for everyone involved. After June 30, the U.S. will no longer carry all the blame for any unsuccessful attempts to reshape the Iraqi nation, and the American people

can once again take pride for their soldiers role in Iraq. Secondly, the members of the United Nations are now unified on the measures that should be taken in Iraq. We can all agree that it is a great relief to know that the international community will now have a major influence in Iraq, especially since there is the possibility of more violence and civil uprisings after June 30.

Finally the Iraqi people will now fully possess the opportunity to practice and enjoy the benefits of being a truly democratic and sovereign nation. Their success at this endeavor will serve as a testament for, and possibly encourage countries such as Egypt and Saudi Arabia as well as other Middle Eastern nations, to embrace democracy.



Iraq will fail

Rory Nisan

Staff Writer



Of course we should hand power back to the Iraqi people on June 30. They deserve sovereignty over their own country, and we've done enough terrible deeds on their soil. But sometimes the word "should" must be used very carefully, because what is "right" for the Iraqis might not be the best solution for the world.

Consider the tight battle that George W. Bush is currently engaged in for the White House. The 9/11 Commission, the consistent deaths of American soldiers and civilians and especially the Abu Ghraib scandal (coined "the prisoner abuse scandal" by CNN, but really nothing more or less than torture) have had the collective effect of sending Bush's approval ratings into a freefall, giving John Kerry a six point edge in the latest election polls. However, support for Ralph Nader will cut into Kerry's vote, meaning that this race could once again go down to the wire. Now more than ever, Bush needs all the help he can get. The handover of power could very well provide the rebound his campaign needs to regain an edge over the democrats. But what is best for George W. Bush is not what's best for the world.

However, the greater problems with the June 30 handover arise from its implementation. I agree that the U.S. must remove itself as the decision-making body in Iraq; the decisions it has made have been terrible and largely beyond debate as such. However, giving responsibility to a group of Iraqis that are largely illegitimate in the eyes of the Iraqi people (many of them were picked from the now dissolved Iraqi Governing Council) does not bring Iraq any closer to peace or democracy. It is true

that the U.S. needed the UN to make this war work, and it became clear that they needed the UN even more in order to make the peace work. But UN has erred in forcing the U.S. to handover power to Iraqis. True democracy cannot be forced on a state by anyone, let alone the U.S.

What is "right" for the Iraqis might not be the best solution for the world.

UN administration is necessary for there to be any hope for Iraq to avoid civil war following the handover of power. Legitimacy among the citizenry is a must for a government to stand without armed resistance against it. Unfortunately, elections forced by the U.S. will not bring legitimacy to the Iraqi leadership. In fact, anything enforced by the U.S. will fail to bring about the legitimacy that is necessary in such volatile political situation. Unfortunately, the UN foolishly endorsed the U.S. plan, which is a shame because it means that the U.S. can now share the blame with the UN for all the death and chaos that will arise from the new Iraqi government. I think this decision reminds us that the UN is both a collection of altruistic individuals and of self-interested nations. In this case the dominant nations acted in their own self-interest; namely the resumption of good relations with the US.

Right-wing commentators love saying that 2003 was the end of the UN. I am beginning to wonder what the future of the UN will be if it continues on this joined path with the American conservatives. It is my fondest hope that, thanks to the election in November, this question will never be answered. Now where do I vote?



Peace and War;
War Crimes Trials Begin in Sierra Leone

The UN Special Court has begun prosecuting war criminals in Freetown, Sierra Leone, for crimes committed during the country's ten-year civil war. The proceedings began amid controversy after the first three men to be charged were not the leaders of the rebel Revolutionary United Front (RUF), but rather the leaders of the pro-government Civil Defence Force (CDF). Head Prosecutor David Crane stated that the group started with "the just cause of a civil defence force in Sierra Leone, set up to defend a nation, [but] became distorted and twisted beyond measure." Ignoring the positive results of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Committee, and the costly, bogged down trials in Rwanda, the UN has opted for punitive trials in Sierra Leone. Critics argue that what the country needs is truth and healing, not more suffering.



Global Voice;
Bush Greeted by Protest

While Canadian and American veterans were welcomed to Western Europe to commemorate their liberation from Nazi Germany, U.S. President George W. Bush was met by violent protests in Italy and France. Thousands of protesters marched against Bush in Italy, and were met by 10,000 riot police. The protesters were angry over the deaths of Italian soldiers in Iraq, and the instability that they believe Bush's policies have created in the middle-east. Bush then travelled to France, where he has never been popular among the French people, and was again met by protest. Despite receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Pope John Paul II issued a strong statement comparing the terrorist attacks of 9/11 to the abuse of Iraqi prisoners.



Human Rights Watch;
Pinochet Fit to Stand Trial

Having coolly announced in an interview last year that "it was his victims who owed him an apology," former Chilean dictator, Augusto Pinochet, has been ruled fit to stand trial by Chilean judges. Pinochet overthrew the elected government of President Salvador Allende in 1973, with the support of President Nixon and the CIA, and instituted a bloody regime of fear and repression. During his rule, the Pinochet regime was responsible for more than 3,000 'disappearances' and deaths. In the past, Pinochet had been ruled unable to stand trial because of failing health, but it is believed that his recent remarks changed the minds of Chilean judges. Human rights workers hope that this judgement will set a global precedent for the persecution of dictators and war criminals.

Canadian politics debunked

Knowing party platforms, as well as past actions, is vital to understanding Canadian politics

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Blueprint Editor-in-Chief

In an election it is difficult to decide which political party has the best plan for Canada. To vote for a party, we must first accept their interpretation of the way things are. In this context, political victory depends on convincing people that a certain analysis of society is realistic and that a set of corresponding goals are worth pursuing.

As individualists, Conservatives highlight issues that appeal to voters' self-interest. From a fiscally conservative perspective, "tax relief" allows people to keep more of their hard-earned money. Conservatives also believe that in order to defend our national interests, military and security spending must be increased. Conservatives have a strong belief in personal responsibility. It follows that they favour longer prison sentencing so that society is better protected and criminals are properly punished.

The Sponsorship Scandal, which involves the misuse of government funds, reinforces the Conservative idea that many of our tax dollars are wasted. The Conservatives claim that by reducing government waste, taxes can be cut without cutting funding to social programs. They also suggest that lower taxes make the economy more competitive, and that social and environmental regulation of businesses are unnecessary.

Social conservatives sometimes insist on imposing their

moral beliefs onto others. The Conservative Party's campaign slogan could easily be changed to reflect their positions on taxes, crime, abortion and gay marriage: "Zero Tolerance."

The New Democratic Party advocates a compassionate, empathic approach to government. The NDP would reduce taxes and provide affordable housing to help low-income and homeless Canadians. Because New Democrats are committed human rights advocates, they support same-sex marriage and oppose racial profiling. Although they are opposed to military intervention, the NDP would increase funding to Canada's peacekeeping forces and international aid to fight poverty and disease.

Many undecided voters make the mistake of believing party leaders and their platforms.

New Democrats take a preventative stance on issues like health and the environment. Many common illnesses could be prevented by NDP plans to fund a federal homecare program and improve water and air quality. To do this, the NDP would implement a national retrofit program to increase the efficiency of home energy use and invest in the production of wind turbines and cleaner cars. These projects would benefit the economy by creating "green" jobs.

One possible reason for the NDP's resurgence (their support has doubled since 2000) is the popularity of progressive writers like Michael Moore, Noam Chomsky and Naomi Klein. Evidence from these authors' books supports the need for commitment to a fair, sustainable global economy.

The Green Party's environmental and human rights beliefs are similar to those of the NDP. Greens are more libertarian than New Democrats; they favour shifting taxation from individuals and corporations onto things that have a negative long-term impact, such as pollution and use of non-renewable resources.

The Liberals are the most popular party because they have moderate political beliefs. They cast themselves as the pragmatic alternative to "scary" Conservatives and "irresponsible" New Democrats. They have a strong commitment to the protection of personal rights and freedoms. The positions recently supported by Chretien's Liberals on the Iraq war, same-sex marriage, and marijuana decriminalization correspond with their liberal, "live-and-let-live" philosophy.

The Liberals (like the Conservatives) favour neo-liberal economic policies. They support free trade, rather than fair-trade, and work to eternally reduce taxes. Economically, neo-liberals favour competition in a fair and open market. Unfortunately, people with fewer resources often suffer under this system, as they start with a disadvantage that they are never able to overcome.

The Liberals are proud that they balance budgets, cut taxes, and pay off the debt. They happily claim to be fiscally conservative and socially liberal. While this may be true, it is not comprehensive. Unfortunately, "fiscal conservatism" is usually achieved by cutting spending on programs like health care and affordable housing.

Many undecided voters make the mistake of believing party leaders and their platforms. Numerous sources of informa-

tion can help to clarify parties' positions on important issues, politicians do not always do what they propose. To make an informed vote, it is necessary to understand the underlying beliefs that govern each party's policy. To be certain you're choosing the correct party, investigate the behaviour of your party before the election was called. If it doesn't match with what they're promising, don't trust them.

- Cuba, From page 13

the island, and numerous wealthy Cuban expatriots still reside in Florida. With the election looming, Bush's efforts can be seen as pandering to these votes.

The U.S. missions also have the effect of antagonizing the Cubans, and threatening their sovereignty. Should the Cuban military try to destroy the spy plane, U.S. forces could use the attack as a pretext for invasion. With Bush's recent history of regime change, this remains a distinct possibility.

Cubans are enjoying the entertainment.

Issac Saney, a Cuban scholar, has concluded that the broadcasting is an "act patently illegal under international law, violating various treaties constituting a deliberate provocation aimed at creating the pretext for a military strike." Others agree that Cuba would be within its rights if it was to shoot down the American broadcasting plane.

The U.S. military continues to deny that it is responsible for the access to American television, and Cuban officials agree. Rather, they conclude that it is the result of freakishly clear weather.

Cubans, however, don't care about the reasons for their access, and are enjoying the unexpected entertainment. For most Cubans, the only threat that U.S. television provides is overindulgence.

Rosa Hernandez went to bed at six in the morning when she first gained access to the stations, while Lina Jimenez reported that "Friday and Saturday I spent all day in bed watching television."

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Welcome to the City

Population: 102, 300

Many people come to WLU in September expecting to simply be Laurier students. Few realize that upon arriving, they are also becoming a resident of Waterloo. You may have come from across the province or across the world, but either way, you're stuck here for the next four years of your life... so you may as well enjoy the city too!

Note: You may find it handy to bring this page to WLU with you in September as an at-a-glance reference.

Transportation



Buses:

Grand River Transit

Check out their website www.grt.ca for bus schedules. In the fall on Thursdays and Saturdays, buses run to St. Jacobs every half hour from Conestoga Mall.

Cab Companies:

Kitchener City Cabs: (519) 742-4404

United Taxi: (519) 743-6323

Waterloo Taxi (accepts Onecards): (519) 886-1200

TIP: You can move money on your Onecard from optional to convenience so that you can use it for cab fare.

Shopping



Malls:

There are two malls you care about. Conestoga Mall in Waterloo and Fairview Park Mall (the good mall) in Kitchener. There are simple bus routes to both from Laurier.

Futons and Beads:

Just south of campus there is an abundance of stores selling beads and futons along King Street North.

Generation X Video:

An alternative video rental video store with an underground feel. Gen X has hard to find movies of all sorts. A haven for movie lovers.

Global Exotic Pets:

True, reptiles are not allowed in residence but this place is just too much fun. Located at 37 King Street North.

St. Jacobs Country:

A heritage Mennonite village just outside of Waterloo. St. Jacobs has two authentic farmers markets - St. Jacobs Farmers Market & Flea Market and the Waterloo Farmers Market. Besides fresh produce, clothes, tools and local delicacies. Trust me, you don't have to have a kitchen (or grandchildren) to find this place useful and entertaining. With over 600 vendors it's really cute and lots of fun. Call for directions and hours at (519) 747-1830.

Best Deals:

Liquidation World is the best place on Earth. Some people go through their entire first year without discovering this true gem. You'll find it in Waterloo Town Square. It is rumored that they sell American Eagle sweaters for as little as \$5. Anything from toilet paper to furniture can be found there for incredibly cheap.

Survival Tip:

Go to Bulk Barn in the Sobeys plaza at Weber and Bridgeport - it has everything you need - it is your key to surviving midterms, exams and winter in general. As an extra incentive to buy candy (as if you need one) they also offer a 10% discount to students every Wednesday. Just remember to bring your Onecard.

Health & Personal Care

Waterloo Sports Medicine Centre (WSM):

Sports medicine physicians, physiotherapists, massage and occupational therapists, sports nutritionists, and sports psychologists. In Waterloo Square Plaza (University Avenue East and Weber Street).

Dentists:

The closest ones are Dr. Howatson (519) 885-4770, and Bridgeport Weber Dental Centre (519) 885-7272.

Salon/Spa:

The Cutting Edge Salon is one of the closer salons, at 265 King North. Chameleon Hair Studio and Day Spa on 255 King Street North is our favourite. For discount prices (recommended for guys, mostly), try Super Dave's on the 3rd floor of the FNCC right here on campus.

Beach Bunnies Tanning Studio:

65 University Avenue East. An older studio but you can use your Onecard there and they have competitive prices.

Planet Beach:

On King St. across from Morty's Pub. This place has VIP and platinum lie-down and standup beds. The owner will insist on a full tour for your first visit. Basic bed is \$8.00 a session. To tan, call 725-2826.

Hospital:

The Grand River Hospital is located in Kitchener at 835 King Street West. You can get there by bus, taxi or ambulance.



City of Waterloo

Michelle Pinchev, Features Editor
Photos by Melissa Moffat

Food and Drink

Come September, instead of drinking and gyrating at bars and clubs, Laurier's under-19 newcomers will have the unique opportunity to explore Kitchener and Waterloo's diverse and culture-rich selection of restaurants and cafes.

East Side Mario's on University Avenue - sandwiched between two universities and surrounded by student-renowned pubs and restaurants, the crowd is always great, and the food is always reliably cheap and good.

Tip: To get two meals for the price of one, fill up on the bottomless salad and unlimited garlic bread, then take the main course to go for lunch the next day.

Raintree Bakery and Café, right beside King Street Residence, has live music Friday and Saturday nights from 9 pm to midnight.

Rude Native Bistro: Last year, they accepted Onecards, so there was an incentive to try this place out. The restaurant just moved to a great new location by Waterloo Town Square, and the décor is innovative and stylish. They serve all kinds of foods from around the world and although it's a bit pricey, it's worth it. Try the Rude Salad, it's tasty. Plus, sometimes a guy plays piano and sings. He's pretty good.

Symposium Café at the corner of King Street and Erb Street, is known for its gourmet coffee, specialty beverages and exotic desserts and meals. They also have poetry readings on certain nights. While inside, check out the renaissance artwork.

Best Breakfast: This is a three-way tie. Angie's Kitchen (just West of King Street on Erb Street) accepts Onecards and the bread is unbelievable. However, Mel's diner has the best bacon, eggs and sausage in Waterloo and everything from the décor to the uniforms the servers wear is totally a throwback to the 1950's. Mel's is located on University Avenue West of Albert Street. They even have a wicked juke box. Of course, there is also Benny's where for \$7.99 you can get eggs, sausage, ham, toast, beans, and 2 huge pancakes. You'll find Benny's at the corner of Lodge Street and Weber Street.

Entertainment and Culture

Waterloo Park:

The jewel of the City is 111 acres of park including a mini zoo. There are historic landmarks and ongoing events and activities, but most of all, you'll find lots of students jogging, biking and rollerblading through the park year-round. It's a great place to go work out, experience a low-budget date, or just to get away from it all.

Rim Park:

Waterloo's premier 500-acre park and recreation facility. Located in the Northeast corner of the city, accessible by GRT route 14 from Conestoga Mall.

Dooly's:

Right across from University Place Residence, this pool hall has all-ages night on Tuesdays for students. They have pool and dart tournaments, food, drinks and arcade games. With a \$10 unlimited lifetime membership, you can play all night for just five bucks. (Make sure you bring your student card).

Waterloo Lanes:

Great 5-pin bowling just off King Street at 14 Princess Street West.

The Turret and Wilf's:

The campus club and bar are now letting in a certain number of under-age students with wrist-bands. The trick is getting there early enough that you'll last until last call, but avoid the line-ups and hanging out in the stairwell all night long.

The Centre in the Square:

An arts centre in Kitchener known for its concert hall, art gallery and magnificent shows. For more information, visit the website: <http://www.centre-square.com/>

Oktoberfest and St. Paddy's Day:

These are drinking festivals that first-years will not be able to participate in because attending one of the many keg parties held around these times or purchasing alcohol with a fake id is highly unethical (and illegal).

Outdoor skating in Kitchener:

In the winter, go to the Kitchener City Hall on King Street for some outdoor skating. The lights are amazing.

Best Movie Theatre:

Princess Cinema at 6 Princess Street West (behind the Huether Hotel) plays the kick-ass indies and documentaries that mainstream theatres are too greedy to play. If you truly love movies, this place is a must.

Another cheap alternative is King's College on King Street West in Kitchener. However, an older theatre, it is known to smell a bit unusual, the seats are squeaky and your feet stick to the ground.

Tip:

Keep your ears open for all-ages parties, especially at Elements Night Club in Kitchener.



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WLU student takes over Much

Brian Mac recently got the chance to try out his VJ skills on MuchMusic's Much TakeOver

CAITLIN HOWLETT
Editor-in-Chief

Brian Mac is so glad he "did it for the hell of it."

During his Christmas break, Mac, a former Psychology major now entering his second year as a Business student, made a video to submit to the MuchMusic VJ Search. But he almost didn't do it.

"At the last minute I decided to send my tape in," said Mac. Producers called him up in May and invited him to be a contestant on Much TakeOver. He was disappointed that he failed to make the finals of the VJ Search, but jumped at the chance to take over the 'nations music station.'

Much TakeOver airs live every Wednesday, showcasing two challengers who think they've got what it takes to host MuchMusic. Through various forms of voting including online, e-mail, telephone and even text messaging, viewers are able to cast their vote repeatedly for the host they like best. Up-to-date polls are seen on the bottom of the television screen creeping up and down as each host receives votes, prompting the audience to vote again and again to make sure the host they like carries on to the next show.

Mac made it all the way to the

final where he lost by one percentage. His only complaint, "the worst part is that the loser gets nothing," but was quick to credit the experience as "amazing."

He later revealed that he did receive \$50 that was to go toward food and gas expenditures for his travel from Mississauga. His counterpart who eventually won Much TakeOver, had been flown in from Manitoba and was provided with \$200 in spending money.

Although falling short in the final, Mac did get to meet most of the regular VJ's including Devon Soltendieck, the newest addition to the MuchMusic station, as well as Amanda Walsh and Sarah Taylor. He especially enjoyed meeting Campanelli, formerly Rick the Temp, who Mac described as a really humble guy. "I can see why everyone likes him," said Mac.

The live segments where the hosts are given approximately two minutes to do just about anything before turning to a video, is what Mac enjoyed most. In his first segment he decided to breakdance, while in the second one he was able to have his sister and a friend join him in an obstacle course that eventually led to Mac having a bloody nose on national television. "Those live things are a lot of fun because I got to be



Caitlin Howlett

Brian Mac poses outside of the Radiolaurier booth after giving *The Cord* an in-depth look at his experience on MuchMusic's Much TakeOver program. Mac didn't come out a prize winner but learned a lot.

stupid, and on top I got to get my friends on tv," admitted Mac.

In his final live segment, Mac, Soltendieck and the other host created a concoction in a blender that resembled something off the television show, Fear Factor. The drink contained lots of animal parts and raw food items. While the camera panned to Mac driving around an obstacle course in a child's motorized jeep, the nasty concoction was replaced with Mott's cocktail - a television trick that Mac had no problem revealing.

A natural in front of the camera, Mac said he's used to it. A high school trip to Nigeria for two weeks placed Mac in front of

the spotlight constantly as he was taped for a documentary that also included being interviewed by CBC. Some of his ease on camera he attributed to his volunteer work with Radiolaurier, explaining that there is a personality associated with those who participate on the university station. "You have a certain attitude, you're easy going and you talk very well," he explained.

Mac is now the Producer of Radiolaurier and will help coordinate the technical side of programming daily shows and streaming them live on the Internet.

Even though extremely comfortable in front of the camera, he

remained critical after each show, but later approved of his performance. "When you do it yourself, you think 'oh I sucked,' but then you watch it and say 'hey, I wasn't that bad.'"

What surprised Mac about the making of the show was the time it took just to complete one episode. "I found out not everything goes to plan and you have to improvise and that's the really cool part," said Mac.

Cool maybe, but not cool enough for a full time career. Mac admitted that while it was fun, he certainly would not want to do it full-time, but maybe on a part-time basis.

Staying safe on campus Vocal Cord

Being aware of security around WLU will help students stay safe

JENNIFER ASSELIN
Student Life Editor

Stay safe. It's as simple as that. Safety and security around campus may not be something you think of on a regular basis but the truth is, it should be. You can look through all the brochures and take as many campus tours as you want but the majority of the time you're going to be told about the positive stuff. However, in looking at campus life and breathing in the sweet air of freedom for the first time, reality must settle in and some light must be shed on those negative circumstances that do exist.

Having such a condensed campus seems to lower the number of incidences taking place at Laurier but safety remains an important issue.

"It's a pretty safe campus," commented Peter Jorg, Security Services supervisor. "We don't have a very high number of incidences. We're a pretty compact university and there's a lot of walking traffic especially at night, so that helps I think."

Over the past year though, security concerns have risen which were sparked by the threat of a male attacker around the Waterloo community close to the university campus. Attacks took place last summer and continued sporadically throughout the year. The investigation is on-going with the Waterloo Regional Police but there have been no

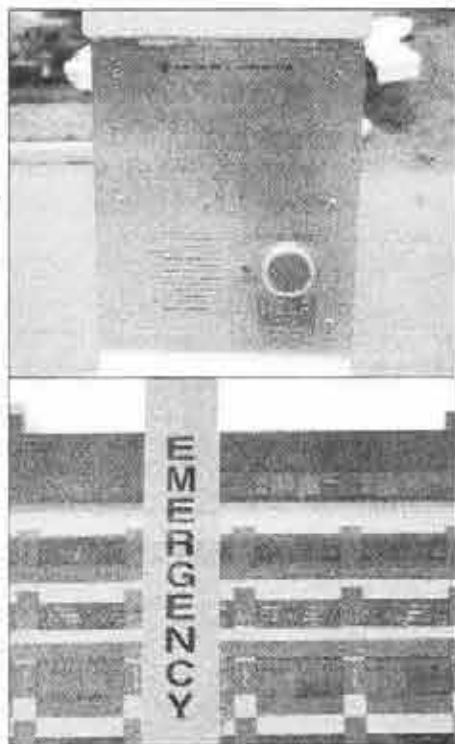
reported occurrences as of late.

"We are always in contact with regional police," explained Jorg. "We call them anytime we need assistance."

The University Task Group on Campus Security has recently been put in place to meet and discuss security on and around campus. The group includes the Manager of Security Services Ron Sinclair as well as two officers from Laurier security. The committee will be releasing a report on their findings in the future but right now it remains in draft form paying special attention to the amount of lighting and the location of emergency call boxes and poles.

One idea to help security on campus came from Matt Gouett, Vice-Chair of the Wilfrid Laurier Students' Union Board of Directors, who also sits on the task group. "I would like to see campus security, the Union and the housing office all come together," said Gouett. "I think that there should be greater communication between these groups," he continued, suggesting the possibility of more safety programs to be made available to students.

Gouett also mentioned the need for more lighting around the campus as well as the inclusion of more yellow emergency poles. Currently there are four poles around the campus and six call boxes. The two are essentially the same only the poles are more vis-



Melissa Moffat

Top: Emergency call box.
Bottom: Emergency pole.

ible. Each area contains a call box with a direct line to security.

Gouett also emphasised the need for students to be aware of their surroundings in helping with their own safety and security. "I think it's very important that Laurier is very honest with incoming students," said Gouett. "They need to educate them on what's happened in the past and be honest with them. I think it's dangerous to not tell them what's happened in the past and what's been done to change that."

Jorg stressed the usage of Laurier's Foot Patrol, a walk safe program free of charge to all students. Security services is open 24 hours a day with two to three officers on at one time.

These Laurier graduates answer the following two questions:

1. What plans do you have now that you've graduated?
2. What is your best piece of advice for incoming WLU students?



Robin Stoneman, Communications Studies

1. Traveling to Asia.
2. Always go to secretaries because they will solve everything.

Jill Mills (left), Development and International Studies

1. Internship in NY with the UN and Global Youth Action Network.
2. Get ready for line-ups.

Sarah Ahmad (right), Communications Studies

1. Working in event planning.
2. Enjoy it while you can.



Nikki Goss (left), Political Science

1. Working in marketing promotions.
2. Keep on truckin'.

Meaghan Allan (right) Political Science & Communications Studies

1. Doing my Masters at Windsor.
2. Live it up because it goes quickly.



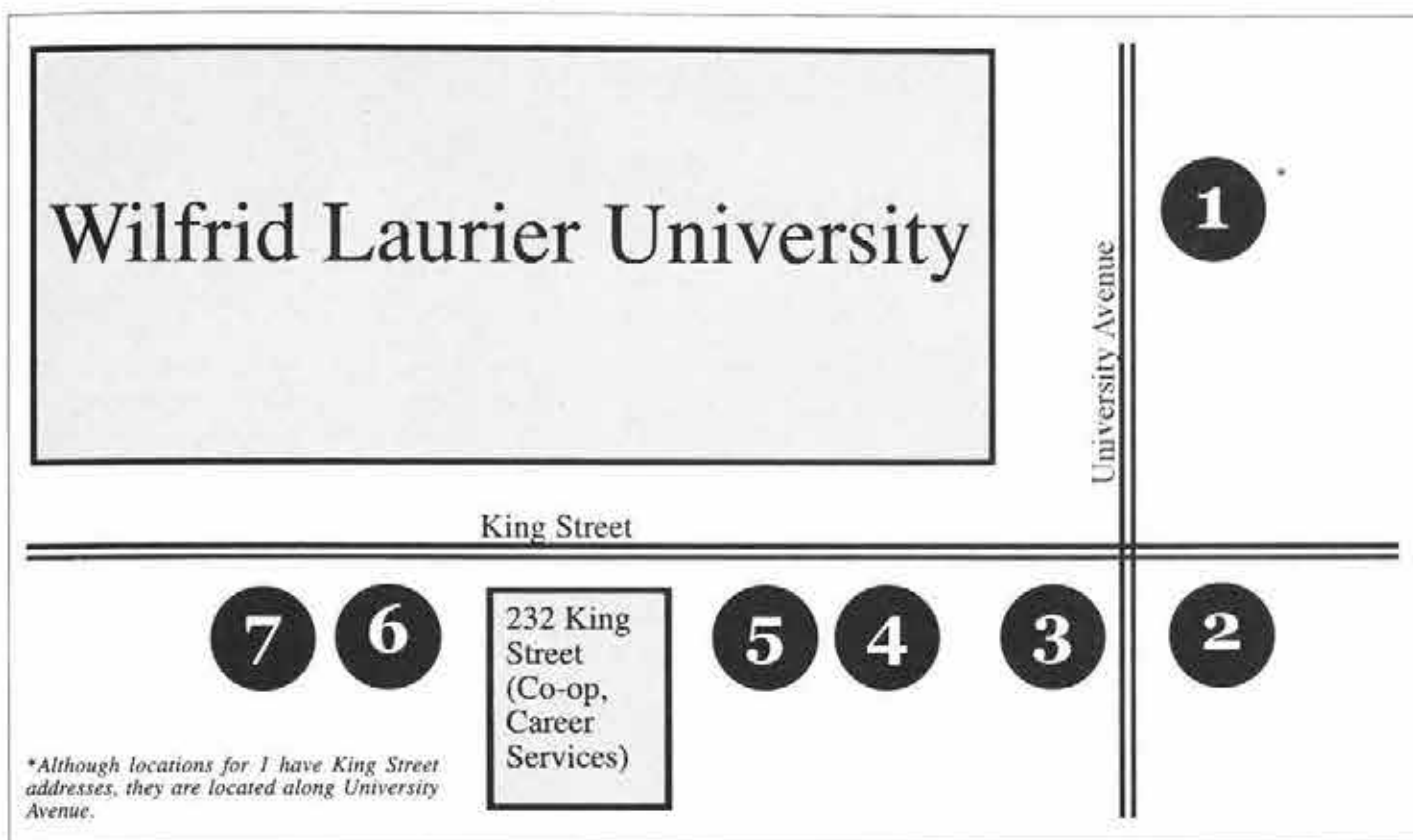
Kevin MacNeill, Honours Football

1. sllab - kcoC
2. Alumni are cool.



Around the block

Convenience is an essential part of a university student's life. Let's face it, you aren't going to go across town for the same thing you can get right around the corner. With such a small university campus, which seems to be growing more every day, the options found around the campus block remain the staples of a student's life. Here's an outline of just a few of the things you can get by walking across the street instead of going to great lengths to find what you need quickly and efficiently.



1. GUS MAUE SPORTS INC.
PHONE: 886-0810
247 KING ST.

Carries all sporting equipment minus bikes and skis. Gus Maue Sports Inc. offers different student card options and discounts throughout the year depending on what they decide to sign up for come September so look for a bit of deal here with your purchases depending on what kind of plans they choose for the coming year.

Hours:
Monday to Wednesday - 10am - 7pm
Thursday, Friday - 9am - 9pm
Saturday - 9am - 5pm



6. GALLERY ON THE GRAND
PHONE: 884-0575
220 KING ST. NORTH

Unique to the area, Gallery on the Grand is a fine art and framing gallery. Prints can be ordered here too. Students also benefit from a 10% discount.

Hours:
Monday to Friday - 11am - 6pm
Saturday - 11am - 5pm



6. MIJU RESTAURANT
PHONE: 747-1078
220 KING ST. NORTH

A sit down or take-out restaurant serving Korean and Japanese food.

Hours:
Monday to Friday - 11am - 9pm
Sat. & Sun. - 11am - 10pm



6. NOODLE HUT
PHONE: 884-1188
220 KING ST. NORTH

A small sit down restaurant for students to eat in. Many combos of rice and noodle dishes to choose from.

Hours:
Monday to Friday - 11am - 9pm
Saturday - 12:30pm - 8:30pm
*Note: Hours will extend in September



6. NEW ORLEANS PIZZA
PHONE: 725-0001
220 KING ST. NORTH

New Orleans Pizza is your typical pizza parlour allowing students the option of more than one pizza place on and around campus. Subs are also available.

Hours:
Sun. to Thurs. - 11am - 11pm
Friday & Saturday - 11am - 2am



6. RAIN TREE CAFE
PHONE: 884-4953
220 KING ST. NORTH

A nice restaurant for any friendly gathering. Not your traditional menu, the Raintree Cafe is especially friendly to vegetarians but there is something for everyone. A little pricey for the average student but a nice change of pace from cafeteria food. Local bands and entertainment also play on a fairly regular basis.

Hours:
Monday to Thursday - 1am - 10pm
Friday and Saturday - 11am - 12am



6. WATERLOO NETWORKS
PHONE: 747-5979
220 KING ST. NORTH

A computer fix-it store run by a group of students and former students of the local universities. They fix any problem for a flat rate of \$45.

Hours:
Monday to Friday - 9am - 5pm
Saturday - 10am - 5pm



2. 7-ELEVEN
PHONE: 886-6138
256 KING ST. NORTH

A convenience store for all your junk food cravings and slurpee wants. Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 7-Eleven is great for those late nights spent studying and cramming. An ATM machine can be found inside. The store also has a postal service.

Hours:
Monday to Sunday - 12am-12am



1. SNAPPY PHOTO & COPY
PHONE: 746-0026
247 KING ST.

For your entire photo developing and copying needs, Snappy Photo offers a one hour developing service for students in a hurry. Snappy also takes I.D. and Passport photos for those who need it. Each month the store also has a special offer for students including a free roll of film or a free enlargement. A flash of the student card can get you these deals without any problems.

Hours:
Monday to Friday - 9am - 6pm
Saturday - 10am - 4pm



6. PHIL'S
PHONE: 725-4287
220 KING ST. NORTH

If you haven't heard of Phil's yet, you will very soon. Known for being one of the cheapest night clubs around, Phil's is a common gathering place for every night but Monday and Tuesday. If you don't feel like walking to any other pub or club around, this one is in a key location - right across from campus.

Hours:
Closed Monday and Tuesday



1. MACDONELL VILLAGE
PHONE: 888-7440
247 KING ST.

A small sit down restaurant, MacDonell Village has inexpensive, home cooked food. Gyros, a beef and lamb mixture served in a pita, is just one of their specialties. MacDonell Village also does take-out and purchases can be made on the OneCard.

Hours:
Monday to Saturday - 11am - 3am



3. FORWELL SUPER VARIETY
PHONE: 885-4610
242 KING ST.

A convenience store for all of your quick and essential purposes. Whether it's picking up a loaf of bread or grabbing some pens for class, Forwell's has the majority of things you may need at the drop of a hat. Movie rentals are also available. You can pick up a membership with some identification and rent movies for no more than \$5.00.

Hours:
Monday to Friday - 6am - 12am
Saturday and Sunday - 8am - 12am



5. A CUT ABOVE
PHONE: 884-4106
238 KING ST. NORTH

No appointment is necessary for this hair salon making it that much more convenient to pop in for a quick cut or colour. A Cut Above does styling, colouring, cutting and waxing among other things.

Hours:
Tues. & Wed. - 9am - 6pm
Thurs. & Fri. - 9am - 7pm
Saturday - 9am - 5pm



4. LAUNDRETTE
PHONE: N/A
241 KING ST. NORTH

Laundry facilities for those students who may not have any or just want some place not too busy to take care of their business instead of the facilities on campus or wherever they are situated.

Hours:
Mon. to Fri. - 7:30am - 8pm
Saturday - 9am - 7:30pm
Sunday - 10am - 7:30pm

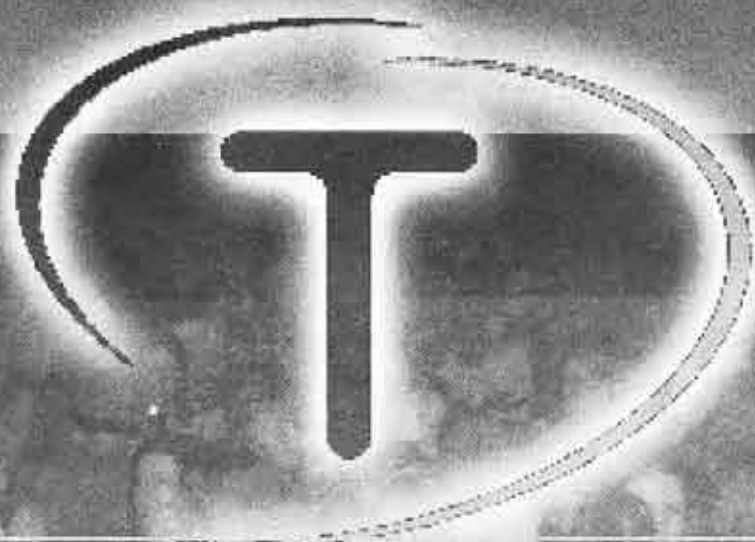


7. QUIZNOS
PHONE: 886-7897
210 KING ST. NORTH

Serving toasted subs as their specialty, Quiznos is the only specialty sub store around the campus block. There is room to sit both inside and outside. Take-out and delivery is also available.

Hours:
Monday to Wednesday - 11am - 11pm
Thursday - 11am - 12am
Friday to Saturday - 11am - 3am
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http://www.wlusu.com/services/services_health.asp

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WLUSU Health Plan Office
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Excuse me, who is in charge here?

Introductions from the men and women in charge of student operations and government

Students' Union President

STEVE WELKER
WLUSU President & CEO

It isn't every day that I have a great opportunity to communicate with the campus like this, so trust me when I say that I value it dearly. In preparing to write this article I considered writing about a number of different topics including all of the great services that the Students' Union offers like Foot Patrol (884-FOOT), Peer Help Line (884-PEER), and the Emergency Response Team not to mention our eight business operations including Wilf's Restaurant and Bar, the Turret Nightclub, and our food services in the Terrace Food Court. I could have also written about our constant quest to represent our constituents by ensuring that this institutions administration takes their opinions seriously.

Yet, while all of these topics are extremely relevant to everyone within the WLU community, I will offer only one message that I hope for you to take away from this article – get involved.

Whether it's through residence life, athletics, the Students' Union, Student Publications or Greek life, you won't regret it. Talk to your don, approach a coach, or come see me on the 3rd floor of the FNCC. There isn't a don, varsity athlete or Students' Union volunteer that hasn't directly benefited from their commitment to their respective involvement.

Unfortunately, none of this can happen without you setting down this paper and picking up the phone, visiting us at www.wlusu.com, or talking to a don, coach, or myself. We're going to try our best over the coming year to reach out to you,



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Steve Welker

but in the end, you will determine whether or not you're going to seize the great opportunities that this campus has to offer. For me, it took a now personal friend to get me involved on this campus. Without his guidance I wouldn't be the same man that I am today. Let me be that friend to you.

tuition double or if the OSAP system is ignoring your needs, we want to know. E-Mail me at apiscitelli@wlu.ca or, come by my office or tackle me in the hall, what ever you feel most comfortable with doing.

I also over see three internal committees that work to better campus culture. The Environmental Awareness Committee works on doing these through; yes you guessed it, raising environmental issues on campus. The Equality Awareness Committee raises awareness of different cultures and runs Culture Shock, an evening performance of different cultures from around the world. My last committee is the Academic Issues Committee. This committee has one of the more exciting programs starting this year that will allow students to do work for academic credit that also helps local non-profits.

If you'd like to know more about these committees or anything else about campus please email me, Anthony Piscitelli, at apiscitelli@wlu.ca.



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Anthony Piscitelli

So I've just thrown all these names and groups of people at you, and now you're thinking, "So what, how does this affect me?" What this means to you is if you believe your needs as a student are not being met, you have people who are willing to act as advocates for you. If your classes are too big, if you can't find a place to study, if the provincial government let your

WLUSU VP UA

ANTHONY PISCITELLI
Vice President UA

Though you did not have any say in it, last year I was elected as your Vice President University Affairs. In taking on this role I agreed to represent student interests to the municipal, provincial and federal government, as well as to the university administration. To effectively accomplish this role I work closely with the president, Steve Welker, and with the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) Board of Directors. For those of you at Brantford campus you also have a local representative, Sara Neizol, who is your campus commissioner. This year, Brantford students will also have the opportunity to elect your own council of representatives. I've left one last important thing out, first year council. As first year students you too can get involved in representation through this body.

WLUSU Chair of the Board

LYNDSEY JONES
Chair of the Board

While you will no doubt have many great experiences at Laurier there will be times when you'll wonder what the heck is going on at this school, and if anyone even cares about what you're feeling. You'll stand through long line-ups, struggle to find a quiet space to study and you might even be forced to stand through a lecture or two. When you're experiencing these frustrations, who would understand better than your fellow students?

In the WLU community, there are four representative

bodies that you can appeal to when you want to voice your frustrations. These bodies include Laurier's academic and financial decision making bodies, a Board of Directors composed entirely of students, and a committee made up of first year students that works to promote events and issues affecting you.

The Board of Directors (BOD) is a group of undergraduate students elected by your fellow students each February. Along with the President and Vice President: University Affairs, the BOD works to actively and effectively represent students as well as oversee the business operations of the



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Lyndsey Jones

Students' Union such as the Turret, Wilf's and Harvey's. How does the BOD represent you? By researching and acting on issues that are important to you. If you have a complaint

Editor's Note: The following student representatives were asked by the Editor-in-Chief to submit a brief introduction. Any information contained in the following introductions does not necessarily reflect the beliefs or opinions of the Editorial Board of The Cord Weekly or WLUSP.

WLUSP President

CRAIG RADCLIFFE
WLUSP President & CEO

An independent media is one of the characteristics of a free and fair democratic country. The freedom to both criticize government and report uncensored news to the general public is protected under most democratic countries' constitutions. We here at Laurier have a unique opportunity to exercise this right through contribution to the publications provided by Wilfrid Laurier University Student Publications (WLUSP).

At WLUSP, we produce many publications, including *The Cord Weekly* newspaper, *The Blueprint* magazine, the clublaurier.ca community website, *The Keystone* yearbook, and the list goes on. Each of these publications has its own volunteer staff and operates under the vision of its Editor-in-Chief, who has the experience and expertise to guide the volunteers and to help them learn valuable skills in editing, layout design, and writing style. The publications will always need new volunteers who are interested in any aspect of publication, and who want first-hand experience with the tools of the trade.

WLUSP also provides volunteer opportunities for people interested in gaining administrative and business skills. Departments such as Marketing, Human Resources, Advertising, Distribution, and Finance are always on the lookout for interested volunteers. Additionally, WLUSP also has a Photography department and an Information Technology department in which volunteers can learn valuable skills in those fields as well.

Each year, WLUSP holds elections for President and Directors of the Board. The can-

about anything on campus, let the BOD know, and they'll work to improve your student experience. The Board meets weekly, and can be reached at bod@wlu.ca.

Every March, elections are held for Laurier's governing bodies. The Senate, which controls the academic aspect of the university, contains seven undergraduate student representatives. These students sit on Senate to provide the students' perspective on issues such as academic planning (courses that the university provides), exam regulations and tuition deregulation. The other Laurier representative body is the Board of Governors (BOG), to which two undergraduate students are elected. The BOG has the final say on all of Laurier's financial matters, and the student representatives provide input on everything from construction on campus to tuition increases. If you find yourself disappointed in your academic or residence experience at Laurier, the

didates running in these elections are all students, and the student body elects them to look after the administration of the WLUSP corporation. This past March, I was the successful Presidential candidate and, on May 1st, I became the President and CEO of WLUSP. My duties include the day-to-day operation of the corporation, the coordination of the EICs and department heads, negotiations with the university, and any other duties that happen to pop up on any given week. Six students are elected as members of the WLUSP Board of Directors.



WLUSP

Craig Radcliffe

Each Director (including myself) has an equal say in important decisions concerning the corporation, and we all work together to ensure that the business runs smoothly and that we are able to provide valuable volunteering opportunities to students.

I encourage every one of you to come and check out our new office on the bottom floor of the Macdonald House residence. We are always looking for new volunteers to join our constantly growing community. Feel free to drop in if you have any questions about WLUSP or call me at 884-0710 x3565.

student Senators and Governors are always here to listen.

Lastly, there is a committee that specifically represents your needs. First Year Council (FYC) is a committee designed to not only represent your concerns to the Students' Union and Laurier but also to provide fun events. FYC is instrumental in providing for the needs of first year students. In the past, they have spearheaded the renovation of the Dining Hall, and drawn attention to off-campus safety. If you are interested in joining First Year Council or want to report a concern to them, stop by the WLUSU offices to get their contact information.

Hopefully this article will help you to understand Laurier students are representing your needs. If you ever have any questions or comments about your experience at Laurier, or any suggestions on how we can better represent you, let us know - we're here to help.

Student Publications - underground

WLUSP has moved to the basement of MacDonald House, but members of the Laurier community can still expect the four major publications to continue

The Cord Weekly: we write about it

CAITLIN HOWLETT
Editor-in-Chief

The *Cord Weekly* is the tie that binds, and is one of Canada's only independent student newspapers. In its 78th year of publication, Laurier's Official Student Newspaper is one of the most comprehensive weeklies in Ontario if not Canada. Over fifty volunteers work daily to ensure that each Wednesday students, faculty, staff and members of the surrounding community have the most recent news, sports, entertainment and yes, even international.

While we strive to bring our readers the most accurate and objective articles, we also act as a training ground for budding journalists, photographers, advertisers and production assistants. We make mistakes all the time, but we learn from these and work only to improve.

This year, *The Cord* upon first inspection may appear no different, and while the layout will stay much the same, you can expect the content to head in an even more objective and analytical direction. Responsible journalism and

journalistic integrity are just a few of my mandates. However, some changes you should be made aware of. *The Cord Weekly* will arrive on-line in September, no longer in a PDF format. With the assistance of ClubLaurier.ca, everything you find on the print pages will be accessible and searchable on the Internet. Additional stories will also be available when space does not permit in the printed version.

News will give you the most recent coverage of issues that affect WLU students and the community, and examine the work and progress of WLU's administration, WLUSU and other groups on campus. A news action hotline available by calling 884-0710 x 3564 allowing members of the community with news tips and stories to call in or email.

An even more diverse Opinion section will allow students and even faculty to opine about controversial issues and offer the exploration of issues that affect you, the reader. An unsigned editorial policy gives readers the opportunity to debate the views of *The Cord Weekly* Editorial Board.

Student Life will keep you abreast of the activities, human interest stories and debates that pertain to students.

Arts and Entertainment will provide you not only with on-campus events and performances, but around the community. Reviews of the latest music, film, poetry and other art forms will remain regular features.

International will provide you with student opinion about issues on a global scale and challenge readers with the opportunity to explore stories ignored by major media outlets.

Features will highlight broader topics such as the upcoming Summer Olympics.

And for all the stats and game coverage, the sports pages will provide the most recent scores and upcoming events with profiles of student athletes and alumni who are excelling in sports areas around the world.

I encourage those with a keen interest, regardless of experience, to visit our new office located under MacDonald Hall Residence and explore the endless opportunities to work in the field of journalism.

The Keystone: Laurier's yearbook

EVELYN CHU & VIRGINIA WOOD
Keystone Editor-in-Chiefs

Most of you should know that the *Keystone* is the official Laurier Yearbook that is published at the end of every school year for students and faculty. The book will be filled with various pictures of everything around campus, including all the people, clubs, events etc. that make Laurier such a great school and Laurier students such an enthusiastic bunch! We really want to capture the essence of the Laurier community and put it all into one publication for students to reflect upon and remember all the good times they had here with their friends and peers.

Traditionally, the *Keystone* has been a grad-focused publication. This year, we would like to maintain this focus, while also incorporating various other aspects of Laurier and its other students to further spark interest for this publication. We will also be asking students from all years to submit

any pictures or pieces of writing that they would like to see in the publication to help add a personal touch to the *Keystone* and really make it Laurier's own.

If anyone is interested in joining this awesome publication, it is really easy to get involved. Just hand in your resume and application forms to the Student Publications Office and through an interview process we will place students. Applications will be available in the new Student Pubs office for section editor volunteers. No experience is necessary, we will teach you how to do whatever it is you need to do. We just need some dedicated and hardworking individuals to make this coming yearbook a success. We will also need tons of photographers on staff to get all of the fabulous pictures that represent Laurier visually. So don't be shy and come out to volunteer! You will meet tons of great people and learn a lot in the process.

Blueprint magazine - no "e"

DAVID ALEXANDER
Blueprint Editor-in-Chief

Laurier has a campus magazine. It is called *Blueprint*. Sometimes people spell it without the e. I probably won't do that. Presumably, the magazine is some kind of blueprint. We'll see about that.

The Blueprint, adored by all in the land, is a magazine of epic proportions, best described as an exercise in cultural deconstruction. *Blueprint* deals with popular culture, arts, and politics with an emphasis on the Laurier community. *Blueprint* calls for an end to the capitalist system while at the same time exploiting its unpaid staff so that it can attain advertising revenue.

The Blueprint is a cultural review. Politically, we create awareness with thought provoking articles about social justice issues. We will also publish debates about contentious political issues.

We will offer creative analysis and satirical critiques of the goods and evils of mass culture, including commentary on trends in popular music, literature and film.

We will pay close attention to our community. We plan to investigate local subcultures and inform students of events on campus and interesting places to go in Waterloo. We will publish student poetry, fiction and art.

Blueprint comes out three

times a semester during the fall and winter terms at Laurier. It is available for free on campus and for two dollars at various bookstores such as Chapters.

Please join us in our quest to mock what we find ridiculous, defend what we find important, and posit a blueprint for a new and better society.

If you enjoy creative writing, political satire, Michael Moore, Naomi Klein, or Noam Chomsky this could be the perfect opportunity for you to be like them. Or if you're interested in "objective journalism" I suppose we could find something for you as well.

In conclusion I will tell you about the Editor of *Blueprint*, me. I am an elitist; I like litera-

ture, indie music and documentary films, although in the interest of full-disclosure, I should tell you that I really like the *Harry Potter* movies.

I also have a strong commitment to social and environmental justice. I received the "Hippy Scum" award from ClubLaurier due to a combination of my devotion to poetry, my socialist political views, and my hipster music and clothing.

You don't have to be like me to write for *Blueprint*. You don't even have to like me. If you think people would benefit from hearing your voice or if you just want to get on people's nerves, *Blueprint* is the publication for you.

Users' Guide to ClubLaurier.ca

TUDOR COSTACHE
ClubLaurier.ca Editor-in-Chief

ClubLaurier.ca is an orgasmic splutter of profanities that will, if you let it, consume your days and nights. It is also WLU's online publication, a way of connecting the Laurier community in the digital age, and you should visit the site even before you set foot on campus.

But because *ClubLaurier* is an impure mixture of crack that will keep you up at night with nauseating visions of gaping orifices, you should approach the site carefully. That's why I've put together this quick guide that will help you maintain your sanity as you navigate *ClubLaurier*.

First, sit in front of a computer wearing comfortable clothing

and type www.ClubLaurier.ca <<http://www.ClubLaurier.ca>> in the address bar. If you see naked elephants dancing on the screen you've probably reached the right page. Don't let the nakedness bother you - they're just elephants.

Next, take a few seconds to orient yourself, and stop staring at the elephants for now (they're there for a good reason). The site is divided into five sections, each one dangerous in its own right:

- * the forums are a minefield of obscene and dangerous ideas where you can discuss everything from student politics to condom usage to racist organizations
- * the photo galleries show student life as it really is, and everybody is invited to contribute pictures of life, love, and longing at Laurier
- * the arcade is only there to encourage procrastination
- * the blogs allow you to shamelessly peer into your peers' lives
- * the knowledge base lets you share information with other Laurier students so you never have to think for yourself

Thus, there are substantial reasons to stay away from the subsections of the site - they're all addictive and profane.

And that's why the dancing elephants are there - they're safe and comforting. If you allow yourself to be mesmerized by them, you may keep your sanity.



Caitlin Howlett

ClubLaurier.ca Editor-in-Chief, Tudor Costache (left), poses for the camera with *Blueprint* Editor-in-Chief, David Alexander. Both EICs are elected members of the WLUSU BOD.



THE CORD WEEKLY

Since 1926, *The Cord Weekly* has been the number one source of news and information for the students of Laurier. Every week expect *The Cord* to reflect the issues, views, and concerns of students at Laurier.

For more information, email cord@wlusp.com



<http://www.clublaurier.ca>

Clublaurier is Laurier's Online Community. It features *The Cord Weekly* online content, discussion forums, photo galleries, student artwork, games, as well as articles and investigative reports only found at clublaurier.ca.

For more information, email clublaurier@wlusp.com

The WLU'er

The WLU'er is a student handbook and agenda distributed free of charge to Laurier students by Student Publications. A copy is included with every O-week kit, and will be invaluable in your time at Laurier.

For more information, email wluer@wlusp.com

blueprint magazine

The *Blueprint* magazine is a full-colour magazine distributed free of charge to all Laurier students. This publication will be produced six times this year and focuses on topics that stretch beyond the borders of Laurier. The *Blueprint* is also distributed nationally at a minimal cost to its readers.

For more information, email blueprint@wlusp.com

The Keystone

The Keystone yearbook has been preserving the student history of Laurier since 1958. This 200-page photographic book compiles all of the school events over the year into a professional book that is available for purchase, as well as being included in the graduation photo sitting fee.

For more information, email keystone@wlusp.com

The Phone Cord

In early fall, *The Phone Cord* will be distributed across campus, listing the phone numbers of students, staff and faculty at Laurier. It is a handy tool when you need to get a hold of someone in one of your classes or if you need to contact a professor for help. It also includes coupons and valuable savings from businesses around Laurier.

For more information, email phonecord@wlusp.com

Hiring Volunteers In September

In September, WLUSP will be hiring editors, writers, photographers, copy editors, graphic artists, page layout designers, and web designers for all of our publications. Additionally, WLUSP is looking for volunteers to work in the Human Resources, Information Technology, Ad Production and Finance departments. We need volunteers from the Waterloo and Brantford campuses. Applications and more information will be available on clublaurier.ca.

Unlawful activities overshadow heroics

While the alleged criminal activity of three football athletes stole the headlines, the ladies sought titles on the field, ice and court - a review of 2003 - 2004

MIKE BROWN
Staff Writer

The 2003-2004 season was an exciting one for varsity sports at Wilfrid Laurier, full of both individual and team successes. Among those teams that put together respectable seasons before bowing out in the earlier stages of the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) playoffs were men's basketball, women's volleyball, men's soccer, and men's hockey. Also, the women's soccer team rode the leadership of Tammy Scurr to the OUA bronze medal match, where the team fell to Western.

Without a doubt, though, the most talked about team on campus was the men's football squad. After an impressive regular season marred by only one loss, the Golden Hawks' gridiron warriors handed a resounding defeat to the Ottawa Gee Gees and pulled out a thrilling 36 - 33 overtime victory against Queen's before losing to the

highly touted McMaster Marauders in the Yates Cup. Despite the eventual loss, the season marked an impressive turnaround for a football program that had gone 1-7 just one year earlier.

The positive press brought on by the football team's success was short-lived as off the field actions of significant players came to the forefront. Stephen Ryan McGuffin and Jeff Melis, both members of the team, were charged with aggravated assault in connection with an incident on the night of November 24, 2003, which left a University of Waterloo student in critical condition with severe head injuries.

Shortly thereafter, all-star running back, Derek Medler, made headlines that would overshadow his dominance on the football field. It was revealed that Medler failed a drug test administered on November 8, 2003, when cocaine metabolites were found in his bloodstream. In

addition, Medler was implicated in the shooting of a 21-year-old Kitchener man. He was charged with forcible confinement and accessory after the fact concerning the incident on November 26, 2003 which left the victim with bullet wounds to the leg and abdomen. The WLU administration immediately suspended Melis and McGuffin for the remainder of the year. Medler was suspended indefinitely, and subsequently banned from campus.

While the football team grabbed most of the headlines, three of Laurier's women's teams quietly let their collective play talk for itself. Though largely unnoticed, the women's lacrosse team posted an undefeated season in which they outscored opponents 158 - 60. After going 10 - 0 in the regular season, they downed McGill, Toronto, and Brock en route to an OUA Championship. Lisa Fotopoulos and Petrice Cavar were named OUA all-stars as two of the standout players on a young team that could conceivably repeat their success in 2004 - 2005.

OUA gold also came to Laurier courtesy of the women's hockey team, who overcame a tumultuous season that included a major coaching controversy but would emerge as the province's top team. After knocking off Brock in the quarterfinals, the Golden Hawk women posted back-to-back



www.laurierathletics.com

The women's hockey team captured OUA gold as did the women's lacrosse team.

upsets over Toronto and Queens, both of whom were ranked among the nation's best, to secure the OUA Championship.

The team then headed to the CIS Championships under the leadership of captain Alison Goodman where they finished fifth in the country due to a questionable tie-breaking procedure, despite losing only one game.

Lastly, the women's basketball team pulled together for a successful playoff run. After eliminating McMaster, they upset Western and Brock to earn a CIS playoff berth, before losing the OUA Championship 64 - 60 at the hands of the Ottawa

Gee Gees. Though the Golden Hawks went winless at nationals, the fact they even made it was impressive after posting a regular season record that was barely above .500, making them yet another contributor to the successful year in varsity sports at Laurier.

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Athletic Complex gets a makeover

'State-of-the-art complex' anticipated for Sept. 2005

BRYAN SHINN
Sports Editor

When discussing the massive Athletic Complex (AC) renovations with Peter Baxter, Director of Athletics & Recreation at Laurier, one cannot help but get caught up in the excitement.

The AC has become a mecca for hundreds of Laurier athletes and fitness enthusiasts who flock to the complex on a regular (or semi-regular) basis. With a near-Olympic size swimming pool, gymnasium, two squash courts and a climbing wall among its many attractions, its highlights are numerous.

will include a 7,000 square foot addition. The add-on will occur at the back of the building, or parallel to University Avenue, and stretch as far as the pool. The weight room will be moved upstairs in an open concept room that will also house the much-upgraded fitness room.

If there were a rub in this arrangement the year-long construction is surely it. "We have to take a small hit, to benefit long term," stated Baxter before outlining the temporary changes. While the fitness room will remain intact throughout most of the process, the already hectic weight room will be condensed into what is now the Circuit Room.

To accommodate the traffic, Laurier Athletics followed a path well-worn by WLU administration: elementary school shopping. Students interested in fitness classes will now have to travel to Northdale Public School, an elementary school located on Hazel Street across from Waterloo Collegiate Institute. This location is just a block from St. Michael's Campus, a former Catholic Elementary School, which Laurier purchased three years ago for classrooms and office space.

For first-year students, a one year interruption may in fact be a small price to pay for a top quality locale. However, those serious about their physique in 2004 - 2005 might want to consider staying away from the AC during peak hours, researching other local fitness centres or tape recording the phrase, "can I work in?"

"We have to take a small hit to benefit long term."

- Peter Baxter, Director of Athletics & Recreation

However, the limited resources and cramped space, specifically in the weight and fitness rooms were putting a major strain on the building.

To alleviate the problem, Laurier Athletics went big (\$2.1 million dollars big) on what Baxter is describing as a "state-of-the-art complex." The renovations, commencing at the beginning of the Fall term and stretching until September 2005,

Eadie's eager to play

- Eadie, From cover

"I had full confidence she'd make the team because of the individual Cindy is. She's just been an incredible competitor." According to Baxter, Eadie could be found in the Athletic Complex working out every day leading up to training camp in BC. During the Fall term, she would even put in extra time with the hockey team staying late to practice goalie work for a team she would be unable to play for as a result of her softball commitment.

Playing ball since the age of eight, Eadie has perfected her third baseman skills over the years playing in her hometown of Brantford as well as London. In 2001, Eadie had a walk-on tryout for the National team and it was at this time she realized her future as a ball player.

In 2002 she was one of the final cuts for the national team and considered leaving the sport. But her philosophy remained, "If I get cut two years in a row, it's time to hang 'em up." The cut seemed to be just the motivation Eadie required to push herself to be successful in the following year.

Once the Games officially start, Eadie will have very little time to experience the sport spectacle beyond softball; how-

ever, she is looking forward to meeting the other Canadian athletes. She feels that one of the exciting aspects of the Olympics is the ability to interact with participants from a variety of sports and not necessarily softball.

Softball is slated to start on August 14 with the preliminaries and continues until the 23 when the final game will be held followed by the medal ceremony. Canada's first match-up is against Chinese Taipei.

Intense training throughout June and a variety of tournaments including a pre-Olympic tournament in Prague will help prepare the team and Eadie for the 2004 games.

"I had full confidence she'd make the team because of the individual Cindy is... she's just an incredible competitor."

- Peter Baxter, Director of Athletics & Recreation

Asked about security and concerns for safety, Eadie answered in typical athlete fashion: "I'm not worried about it [security], all I'm responsible for is making sure I'm ready to compete."



www.softball.ca

Eadie joins the 10,500 athletes who will be participating in the Games which open August 13 and close August 29.

"I wouldn't be surprised if she represents Canada as a future goalie with the Olympic team," suggested Baxter. Upon Eadie's return to the starting lineup for the Golden Hawks, he's confident that the team will go to nationals with her "behind the pipes."

For now, Cindy is concentrating on the Games. Team Canada, along with several other teams from around the world will play at the Helliniko Olympic Complex (the Olympic Softball Stadium), that has one field and two adjacent warm-up areas. Other teams participating include Japan, Italy, Australia, the United States and of course, Greece.

Golden Hawks set for flight

Staff Writer Danny Polischuk highlights the past and upcoming seasons of some of Laurier's top male and female varsity athletes

Name: Nick Cameron
Sport: Football, Running Back

Then: A solid starter in his first three years at Laurier, this 5'11", 210-pound Cameron has steadily improved, averaging about 42 yards a game last year for a total of 339 yards. Playing behind the CIS rushing leader and record setter Derek Medler this past season, he was able to grab another 137 yards in three playoff games.

Now: With Medler losing his eligibility to play in the CIS for the rest of his post-secondary career, the Laurier coaching staff will be looking to Cameron to carry the load. His speed as well as his experience will be valuable in the team's drive to win the Yates Cup.



Name: Amanda Joseph
Sport: Women's Hockey, Forward

Then: This Sociology major coming out of Oakville has turned out to be a force on the ice. Using her finesse, she collected 18 points in 20 regular season games (8 goals, 10 assists). Aside from the team winning gold at the OUA level, Joseph picked up honours in being named to the OUA First Team All-Stars.

Now: Entering her senior year, Joseph will undoubtedly be looking to finish with her best season yet. It would not be surprising to see her amass anywhere between 20-25 points. With the coaching situation settled, the Lady Golden Hawks are primed to repeat as champions.



Name: Rob Innes
Sport: Men's Basketball, Center/Power Forward

Then: Turning into a premier player, Innes proved this past season that his OUA Rookie All-Star selection in his first year was no hoax. Innes followed with a successful 2003/2004 campaign in which he became one of the main weapons in the Hawks' offensive arsenal. He almost averaged a double-double for the season, putting up 10.2 points and 8.3 rebounds per game. This performance again earned him accolades in being chosen to the OUA Second Team All-Stars.

Now: At 6'8", Innes is a behemoth in the paint and one of the largest players on the team. A proven scorer who shoots a consistent 45% in field goals, he will be looked upon even more to put up big numbers. But he will have to deal with defenders clinging off him, who are beginning to realize that he can't be taken lightly.



Name: Jason Lyall
Sport: Men's Soccer, Defense

Then: At six feet and 140 pounds, rarely does an opposing team's attacking player get around Lyall's range for a quality scoring opportunity. His tenacity as well as his excellent speed and skill made him a leader for the WLU defense this past year. His hard work earned him a spot on the OUA First Team All-Stars and being named CIS Second Team All-Canadian.

Now: As the team's most consistent player, Lyall will once again be leaned upon for his hard on coach Barry MacLean's squad. Laurier's strong play off the ball will once again be important in determining if their season starts smoother than the rocky opening a year ago.



Name: Erica Howard
Sport: Women's Lacrosse, A-Wing

Then: In only her rookie year, the Kinesiology/Physical Education Major turned out to be a true scorer. Completing the year by winning OUA gold, Howard led the team's scoring output with a natural hat trick in the semi-final and final game of the tournament.

Now: Looking to go back-to-back as OUA champions and repeat an undefeated season will be no easy feat for the lacrosse team. On a team with so many talented players, Howard's creativity with the ball and ability to put it in the net will be key factors if the squad intends on going all the way - again.



Medler to plead guilty

According to *The Kitchener-Waterloo Record*, Derek Medler, former WLU student and football player will plead guilty to charges after being involved in a shooting on November 23, 2003 in

Kitchener. The charges will be resolved on September 1. Medler also tested positive for cocaine metabolites after the 2003 Yates Cup and was suspended from the CIS for four years.



ATHENS HAS A G-HAWK TOO, CINDY, CINDY
If the Olympics were not the ultimate goal of every amateur athlete in the world then we wouldn't be impressed. Since it is, we couldn't be more proud of Eadie, who will occupy the hot corner as a member of the National Softball team. Here's hoping that Eadie and her fellow ballers strike gold on the diamond.



NOT SO FRIGHTENING

After over a decade of assuming the role of hockey's Cleveland Indians, the Lightning showed the ice universe that high salaries and a hallowed past just get in the way. The City of Tampa once handed out free Lightning tickets to those who paid their traffic tickets on time, now the traffic is stopped for a Cup parade.



A RUN IN WITH ALOPECOID

Akshay Buddiga, the 13-year old National Spelling Bee contestant was unable to cope with the pressure of a time limit, a national audience, bright lights and the collective stare of his peers as he fainted during an attempt at "alopecoid." After he came to, the youngster ignored all requests to "take a break," and spelt the word correctly. Easily the greatest sports clip of all time.



POUNDER TAKES VICTORY LAP(S)

Gold medalist and former WLU Athlete of The Year, Cheryl Pounder, will make her triumphant return to King and University this fall to act as Assistant Coach for the Women's Hockey Team. Pounder brings with her an extensive knowledge of the game and the training methods involved in shaping world class athletes. Not to be ignored is the fact that this alumna simply wanted to be back on campus.



AU REVIOR LES EXPOS

Clearly there's something painfully amusing about a team that missed out on its only legitimate chance at a championship because of the notorious 1995 players' strike. Nowadays, the 'spos are lucky to draw 10,000 to Olympic Stadium and are forced to play a quarter of their home games in Puerto Rico. All things considered, Montreal is officially hosting the worst farewell tour of all.



GOLDEN HAWK COACHES 2004-2005

Baseball - Paul Reidel, x.2184

Men's Basketball - Peter Campbell, x.2188

Women's Basketball - Stu Julius, x.3504

Cheerleading - Tonya Reesor, x.2184

Cross Country - Jeff Beech, x.2184

Football - Gary Jeffries, x. 2180

Golf - Mike Belanger, x.3188

Men's Hockey - Mark French, x.2465

Women's Hockey - Rick Osborne, x.2182

Women's Lacrosse - Lynn Orth, x.2184

Men's Rugby - Josh Windsor, x.2184

Women's Rugby - Heather Seiling, x.2184

Men's/Women's Soccer - Barry MacLean, x.3508

Swimming - Dean Boles, x.3596

Women's Tennis - Cameron Murray, x.2184

Men's Volleyball - Shayne White, x.3515

Women's Volleyball - Dave McIntyre, x.3855

Interested in Joining the Hawks?

To contact one of these Golden Hawk coaches, go online and check their sport's page for more information.

Visit:

www.laurierathletics.com



Re-introducing singer Serena Ryder

Serena Ryder releases *Unlikely Emergency*, her first CD outside of Canada; music lovers expected to embrace her new sound

CARLY BEATH
Entertainment Editor

If you're the type of music lover who's always looking ahead for the next big thing, look no further than Serena Ryder. Her upcoming CD *Unlikely Emergency* will be her first release outside of Canada, and if there's any justice in the universe, it will also guarantee her a big piece of the public's atten-

tion.

Ryder, originally from Peterborough, seems much older than her 21 years. She has already established a name for herself on the touring circuit, playing countless shows and festivals, and through her independent releases, including a live EP. Then there's the voice. She belts out her songs of love and heartbreak with a conviction that belies her youth. She makes it seem almost effortless as she

jumps between a huge, booming wail to a soft flutter in a matter of seconds.

Unlikely Emergency, while retaining the excellent performance and writing skills of her past work, is a bit of a departure. But rather than a conscious effort, she didn't "just decide to stop making folk music," she said it was the result of a couple of factors.

The first was working with other musicians for the first time, giving her the chance to try out new things like synthesizers and drum machines, whereas in the past it had just been her and her guitar. She also attributes it to changes in her music listening; she started to listen to popular music for the first time before beginning this album, and offers Tom Petty and Richard Buckner as examples.

According to Ryder, the album went through three births

before she ended up with the final product. The first was a solo attempt. When she realized she didn't want to do the album all on her own, she went into the studio with the help of a band. The resulting songs, while in Ryder's words were "beautiful and magical," were not quite

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what she was looking for. Her collaborator, Hawksley Workman, who she describes as a "big brother and on the same page with her," asked her one day how [she was] feeling about

the record. When she responded with a noncommittal mumble, Hawksley said "I feel the same way," and it was back to the studio to create what would become the end version of the album.

It was recorded mostly live off the floor to preserve the feeling of her live performance that she felt was missing from the second attempt. She says it "just came out" and thinks that's how things go that are meant to happen. The result is an album that's still rootsy enough to please her older fans, but infused with a beautiful pop feel that's sure to win her plenty of new ones.

One fan at Ryder's recent Guelph show was overheard talking about calling record stores to see if they had any of her CDs, and repeatedly hearing "I've never heard of her." Her response was obvious. "Well you will!" Wise words indeed.



Paul Oldham



Andy Collman

Ryder's not just a pretty face, but a talented Canadian singer/songwriter who recently released *Unlikely Emergency*, her first release outside of Canada.

One Short's music journey: long and hard

Entertainment's Kat Lourenco sits down with Laurier's very own, One Short, to discuss the hardships of trying to make it

KAT LOURENCO
Entertainment

We've all had moments of wondering whether four years of our life is too long to get where we want to go. Others of us, however, see university as just another step in an overall plan. The members of Laurier's own One Short know that four years is nothing.

Together for seven years, and full time university students for the past two, they know that the best results come with time.

Despite sharing the stage with major acts like Bigwig, Gob and Simple Plan, (even landing

themselves a spot on the 2002 Warped Tour), pursuing their goals hasn't been easy. "Our first year of university it was extremely difficult," explains guitar/vocalist Rich McPherson.

"The entire band was split up and was only able to get together on the weekends which eventually took its toll on our aspirations as a band," says McPherson. "We practiced very little, played few shows, and were not happy with the set of songs we had at the time."

Recently brushed off by two different major labels, only put more pressure on the band to make some decisions about the

future of One Short. "After working with the first label for about six months, and dedicating ourselves to them, when it was all said and done, we were dangled then dropped," says McPherson. "Just a few months later we had a company fly in from California who loved one of our ballads that we had recorded, but because they couldn't market us with just that one song - having all our other songs sounding completely different - once again the plans fell through."

With a second year of university beginning, the members of One Short took a break to re-evaluate the direction of the band. Realizing that what they had was worth putting some effort into, McPherson, guitar/keyboardsist Steve Parker, bass/vocalist Mike Paglia, and drummer Dan Calabrese set out to make music their main focus.

Their decision paid off when the group won Laurier's Campus Music Explosion, a battle of the bands that qualified One Short to later compete against musicians

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from several universities.

Winning that round as well, the band is now looking forward to showcasing for national university programmers at the University of Fredericton. Add to that a set of new recordings produced by longtime partner Pete Lesperance and ex-Our Lady Peace guitarist Mike

Turner, and it seems their decision to focus on music has made for a successful year. "For the first time we have dedicated ourselves to practicing and constantly making the same set of songs better and better," comments McPherson. "Since the new line up of songs we have seen nothing but great results."

While success with their music would lead many bands to rethink their enrolment in school, the members of One Short still show dedication to pursuing both. "[Though] our hearts all remain in music, we continue to work hard at school," McPherson confesses. "[It's] allowed us to think outside the box. It's all about the experiences. As a band, we always wanted a back up plan. If one or the other [doesn't] turn out, we [know we] have something to fall back on."

Entertainment in and around Laurier

Carly Beath identifies all the great places to check out live entertainment or finding some to take home and enjoy

CARLY BEATH
Entertainment Editor

As much as I know you're looking forward to coming to university to learn all sorts of useful and important things, there must be balance in life, and that means leaving plenty of time for the fun and frivolity of entertainment. To aid you in this, I have compiled a list of the best music and movie spots in K-W. Use it often.

LIVE MUSIC

The Starlight Social Club
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If there is a good live music show going on, chances are it's at the Starlight. Conveniently located smack in the middle of uptown Waterloo (FYI: uptown is in Waterloo, downtown is in Kitchener), it's the venue for a lot of the big names that come to the city. Buck 65, Neko Case and Hayden are just a small sampling of the recent performers at the Starlight.

Paddy Flaherty's
77 KING STREET NORTH
WATERLOO

Paddy's is an Irish pub which often features live bands, but the big draw is Thursday night's open mic. Come and show off your superior musical talents, or at least watch other people do it. Chances are you will know half of the people in the bar, which can be both a good and bad thing. For those of us with chronic stage fright, it's a terrible thing. But really, have a couple of drinks and don't let fear stop you.

The Turret
FRED NICHOLS CAMPUS
CENTRE

Laurier's on-campus nightclub occasionally morphs into a concert venue, and has featured the likes of Sam Roberts, Pilate and Rascalz. The crowd here is usually more sedate than at your

average show, but there are good times to be had here nonetheless.

Wilf's
FRED NICHOLS CAMPUS
CENTRE

There is something different happening at Wilf's every night of the week, including Monday night Open Mic and the ever-popular two-guys-with-guitars-and-first-names-only, including Steve and Chris, and Matt and Chad. Many classic cover songs are heard at Wilf's.

MOVIE THEATRES

Galaxy Cinema
CONESTOGA MALL
WATERLOO

There's not much to say about Galaxy other than that it's your standard giant movie theatre. Get your blockbuster fix here.

Princess Cinema
6 PRINCESS STREET WEST
WATERLOO

The Princess shows the movies you won't see at places like Galaxy: independent and foreign films, as well as festivals like The Waterwalker Film and Video Festival and the Cannes Ad Festival.

MISCELLANEOUS

Generation X
10 REGINA STREET NORTH
WATERLOO

My favourite instrument store's slogan is "If we don't have it, you don't need it." The same could be said for Generation X. You can rent every movie you'd ever want here, from the mainstream to the absurdly obscure. Tip: If you're taking a course that requires you to watch a movie for some assignment or final exam, and you leave it until the night before, neglecting to think about the 100 other people in your class doing the same thing, all of the other video rental places will callously abandon you. Gen X will save your

life. Or at least your credit in the course.

Encore Records
54 QUEEN STREET SOUTH
KITCHENER

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Orange Monkey
5 PRINCESS STREET
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HMV
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In early fall, *The Phone Cord* will be distributed across campus, listing the phone numbers of students, staff and faculty at Laurier. It is a handy tool when you need to get a hold of someone in one of your classes or if you need to contact a professor for help. It also includes coupons and valuable savings from businesses around Laurier.

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Waterloo's own Greenwich Village

The Laurier and Kitchener-Waterloo communities have large artistic collectives worth investigating

Stefan Sereda

Arts
Editor



It was my first day at Laurier, and everyone in Willison Hall had brought their guitar but me. My bass - just like Hitler's career as a painter - was abandoned, and I wouldn't be digging on my floor's groovy reindeer games for a little while.

There was a guitar for every three people on Willison B3. And nearly three years later, the school is still quad-deep in lousy beatniks.

Still, this episode produced a felicitous observation quite similar to what I realized when I first visited Laurier to attend a student film premier at the Princess Cinema. By the turtle-necks worn under suit jackets and the guitar cases passing by my doorway, I could tell that Waterloo was running off the

page and coloured outside the lines with artists.

That epiphany was, and still is, true. There was a guitar for every three people on Willison B3. And nearly three years later, the school is still quad-deep in lousy beatniks. Poets, playwrights, novelists, journalists, jazz musicians, classical musicians, cover bands, comedians, chamber players, theater players, painters, sculptors, pornographers, photographers, filmmakers, web-loggers and web-designers, all at a good ratio to the number of marijuana refiners. That list barely scrapes dust off an unfinished surface.

These creators are brazen in their individuality, often putting their talent on display or basking in another's brilliance in public forums. Laurier artists can view their peers' art at the Robert Langen Gallery on campus. Book readings, Fringe Festival and musical performances are often held in the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall, and the Theater Auditorium shares a building with these two venues. Off-campus, the Princess Cinema showcases independent films from across Canada,

around the world and occasionally one with a Laurier aesthetic. Gen-X Video is just around the block if you're looking to stay in with your quirky, bespectacled partner. Art galleries are smattered about that area like spots on a Pollock painting.

Similar opportunities to experience community art and express your own creative drives are available at the Brantford campus.

On the restaurant, bar and club scene, the Starlight Lounge has shown a strong commitment to booking indie acts. If, on the other hand, you'd rather hear alternative music by recognizable artists, Phil's will be your own personal Jesus. Even if you're Cary Grant, King Street Trio, with its regular jazz performances, will be a perfect dinner date for you and Ms. Hepburn.

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Jennifer Asselin

From Radiohead to Elvis Costello, Phil's is a great night spot where you can hear alternative music.

campus. The Glenhyrst Art Gallery, the Ford Plant, The Sanderson Centre - Brantford has some up-and-coming but also a few well-established art institutions throughout the city.

Whatever campus you attend, whatever niche in the artistic spectrum you occupy, whatever your taste may be, don't make the same mistake I did and leave a way of creatively expressing your individuality at home. Before I settled on writing, my

license to be this campus' Tito Jackson was revoked in one fell stroke of personal negligence, and I've regretted it since. Your ingenuity and personal vision will only enhance Laurier's artistic community, so make sure you pack them.

Cliffnotes: Arts events from the edge... of K-W

Hungry just thinking about it *Supersize Me*, a documentary about what happens to you after a month of eating just fast food, will be returning to the Princess Cinema on June 20 and 23. A Mr. Sub is conveniently located between the school and the cinema.

Titus don't take no mess William Shakespeare's *Titus Andronicus* will be put on by the Kitchener-Waterloo Theatre Group at the Registry Theatre. Notorious for its death toll, the play will be performed on June 16 - 19, 24 - 26. The Registry Theatre is located at 122 Fredrick Street.

One act wonders

Kitchener-Waterloo Little Theatre will host the July One Act Play Weekend. Performances will run on July 22 and 23 at 8pm, and July 24 at 2pm and 8pm, at the Registry Theatre.

Culture conspiracy

As part of Kitchener's CulturePlan II: The Actionplan, the City will hold meetings on cultural development. Though the first Facilitated Work Sessions took place on June 20, the Forum with Multicultural Communities will take place on July 7 at the Kaufman YMCA from 6:30-9:30. In addition, the Forum with Working Artists as

hosted by Zero-to-One Studios at 107 King Street West, will take place on July 15 from 6:30pm - 9:30pm. The feedback gathered from these sessions is expected to be presented to Kitchener City Council at the end of 2004.

Mary is a giving woman

The Backyard Tourists Programme will host the Gift of Story Workshop with Mary-Eileen McClean on August 19 at the Joseph Schneider Haus. I was given the gift of story one Christmas. It tasted like borscht.

Get ready to snap your fingers
In conjunction with the Laurier

English Club, Student Publications plans to hold a poetry reading during Orientation Week. Jack Kerouac probably will not be in attendance, because he has been rendered, well, dead.

Schneider & the tramp

Concluding the "Summer at Schneider Haus" is the "Tramps and Travellers" event, which is set to include itinerant artists, calligraphers and actors. The fun starts August 29 and ends on September 3 at the Joseph Schneider Haus Museum.

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Local potters display craft

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Artisans and art lovers in the WLWU community were treated to a display of the efforts of many local potters during the month of May including, Stephen Hawes.

The Earthborn juried exhibit held from May 13 through to May 27 in the Robert Langen Art Gallery was the 29th annual showcase, awarding members of the Waterloo Potters' Workshop (WPW) for best functional piece, best primitive firing, the people's choice award and many others.

The WPW started in 1968, and has been organizing the show since its birth in 1975. The Earthborn show has also been showcased in the past at the KW Art Gallery, the Homer Watson House and the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery. Last year the exhibit was held at the University of Waterloo's

Gallery.

The most prestigious award of the exhibit is the Ontario Crafts Council Design, an honour that "exemplifies excellence in design in all areas," explained Judy Donaldson, member of the WPW and organizer of the exhibit. This year's winner, was Janice Ditner, for "Leaves in the Water." Hawes won the People's Choice award for his piece, "Grass Hopper Platter."

Janice Ditner's "Leaves in the Water," took home the prestigious Ontario Crafts Council Design award, exemplifying excellence in design.

From 106 submissions, 51 pieces were selected and juried by a non-functional potter. Artists used a wide range of

techniques, mediums and styles to create some of the artwork.

While the show is relatively small and geared toward the local community, "any exposure to what's going on in an art field is a good thing, because it's a well rounded experience," said Donaldson. Given the timing of the exhibit, there is not a high volume of traffic, except on opening night. However, Donaldson did note that it provides an opportunity for artists to get a local sense, being a part of the community and being part of the events.

Heather Redden-Greer, Coordinator of the Robert Langen Art Gallery, was elated to have the WPW exhibit this year. She also saw it as an opportunity for students to witness the art work and "expand [their] horizons."

The WPW also takes part in a program called "A Cup of Cheer" Artists donate mugs for sale. Proceeds from the program go towards making the gallery consistently better Heather Redden-Greer.

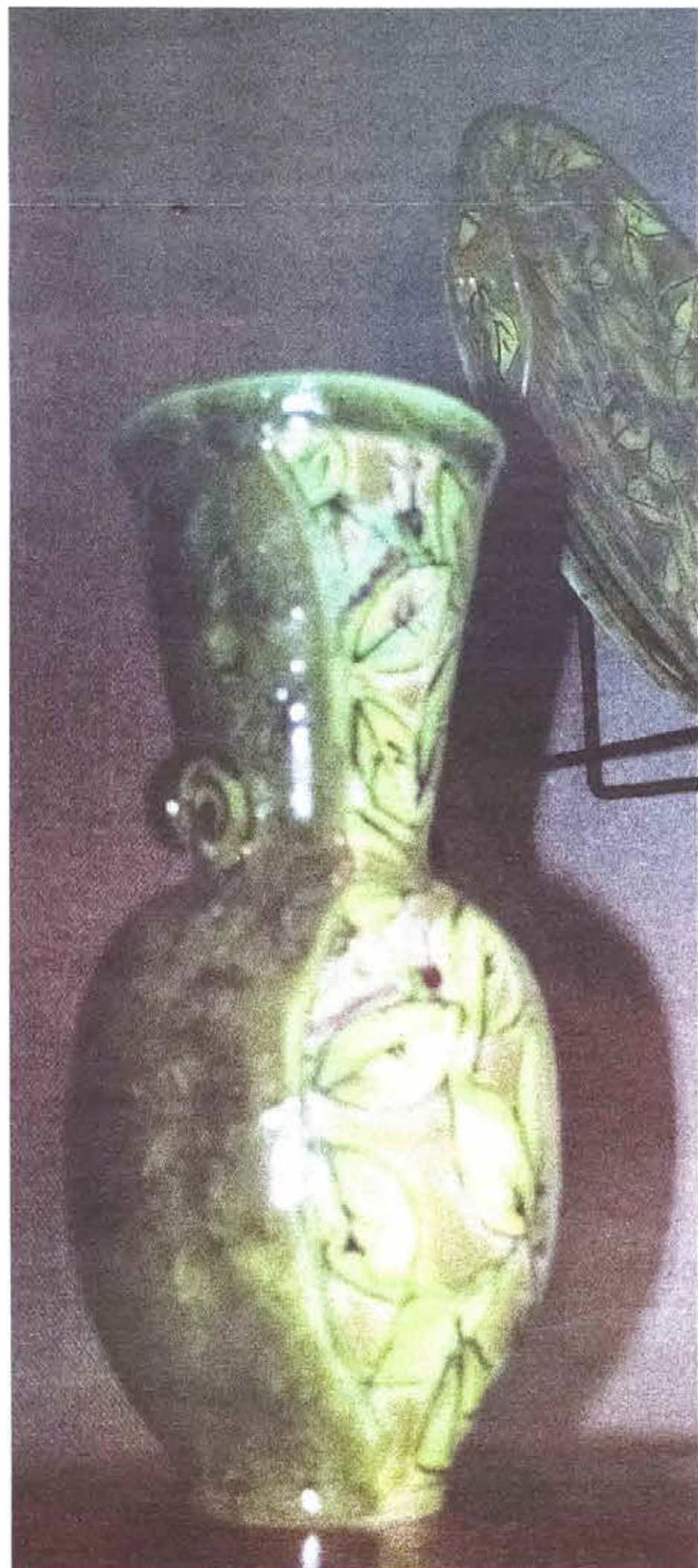
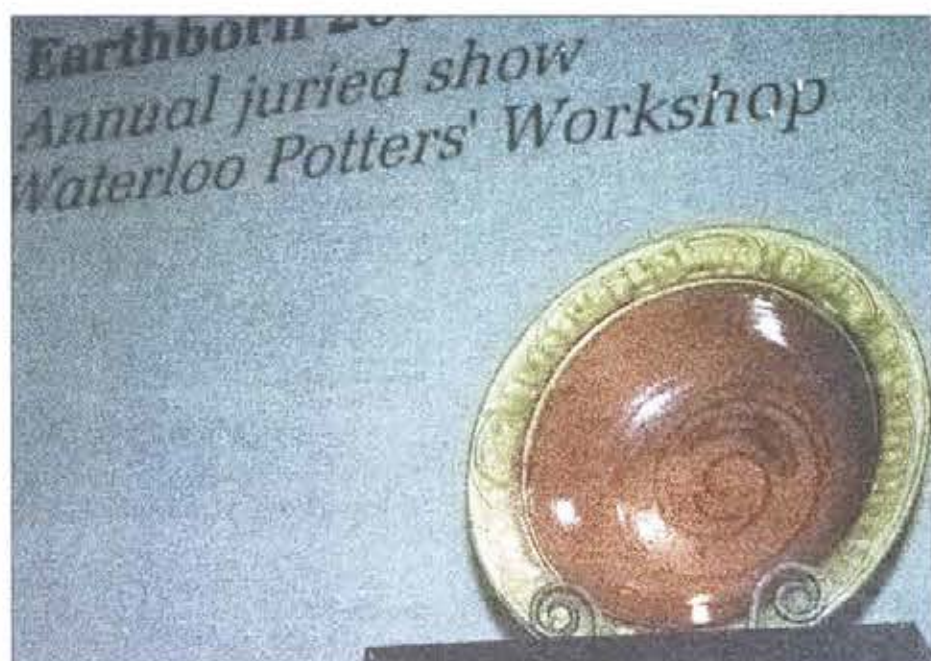
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This unique pottery vase (left) was just one of 51 juried pieces at the Earthborn exhibit.



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